

# Provenance-Enabled Data Exploration and Visualization Tutorial

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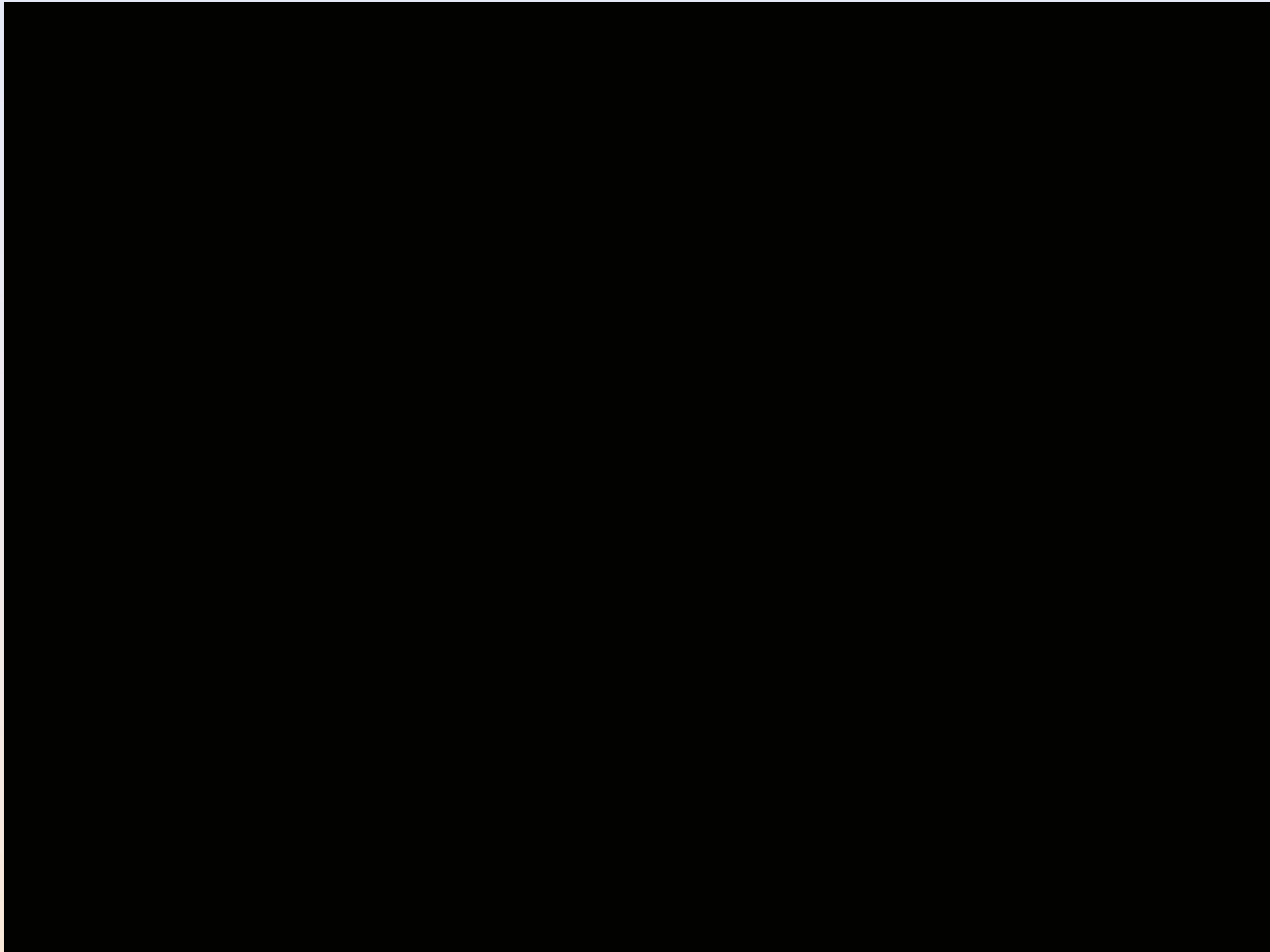
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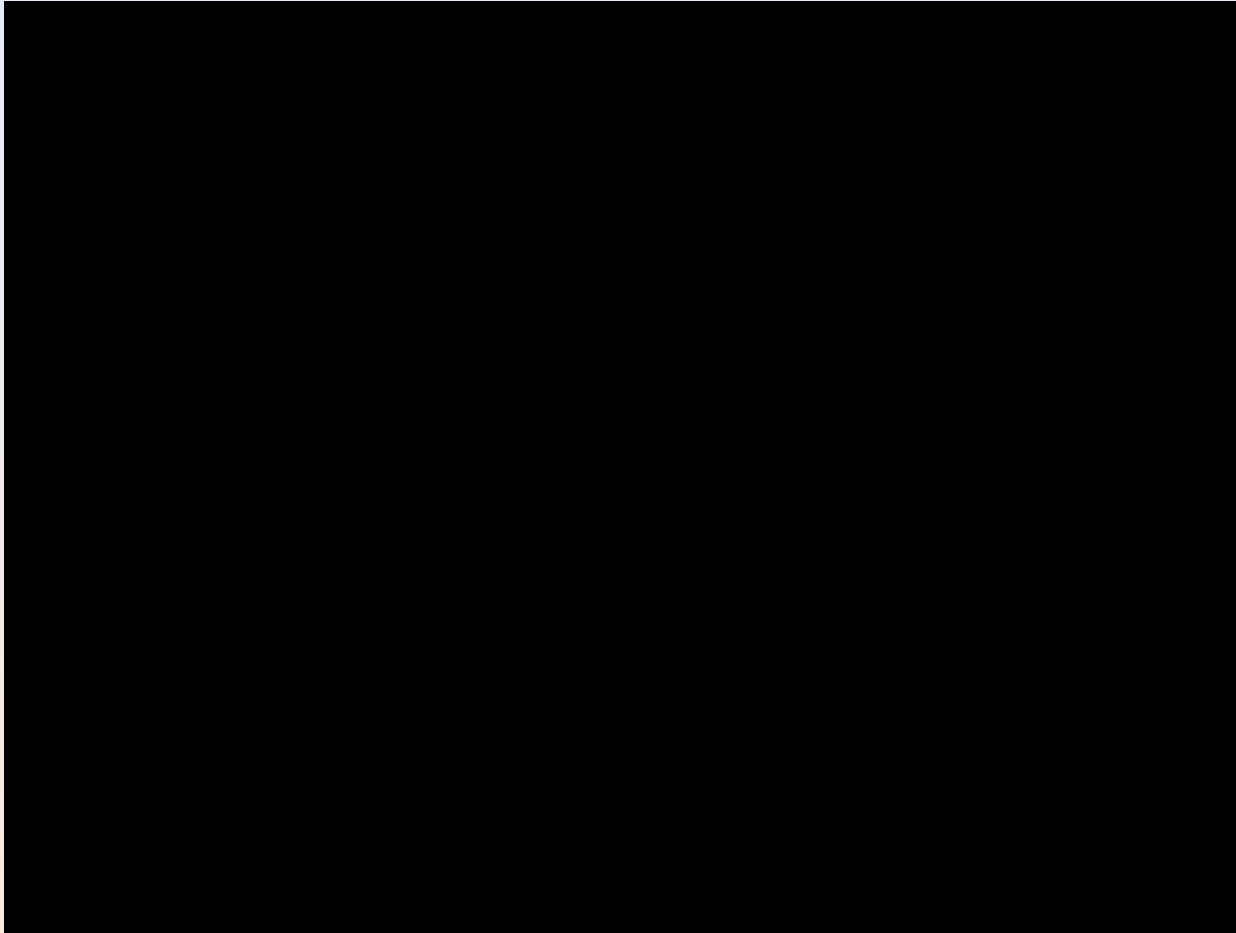
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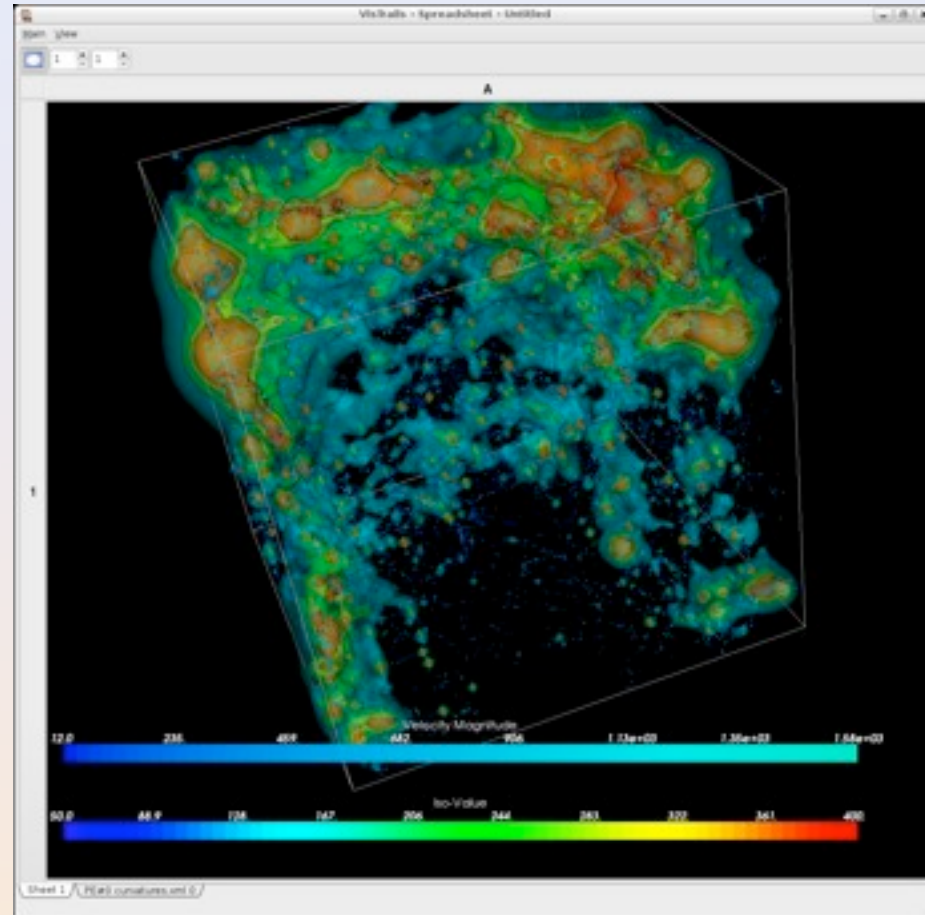
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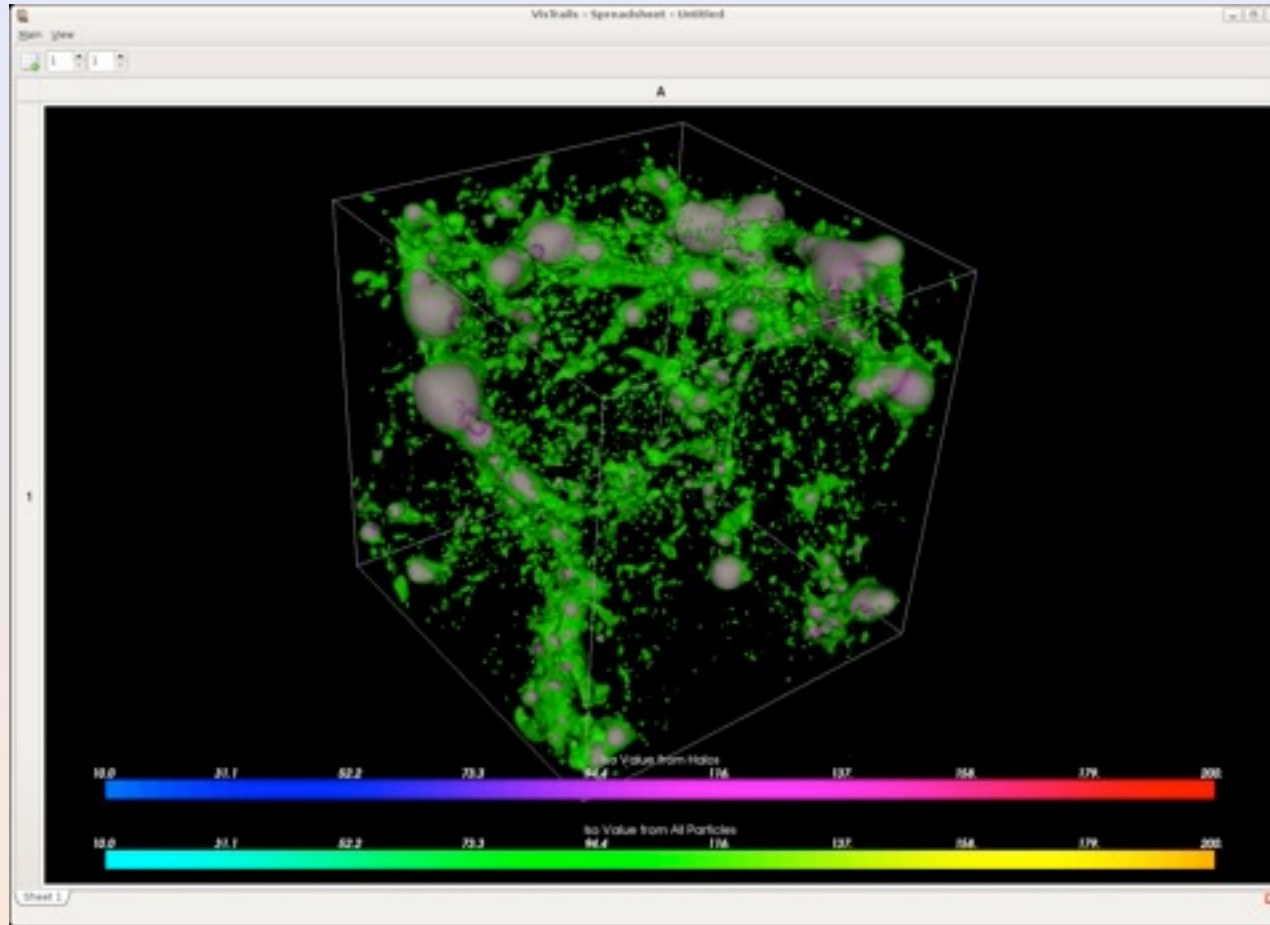
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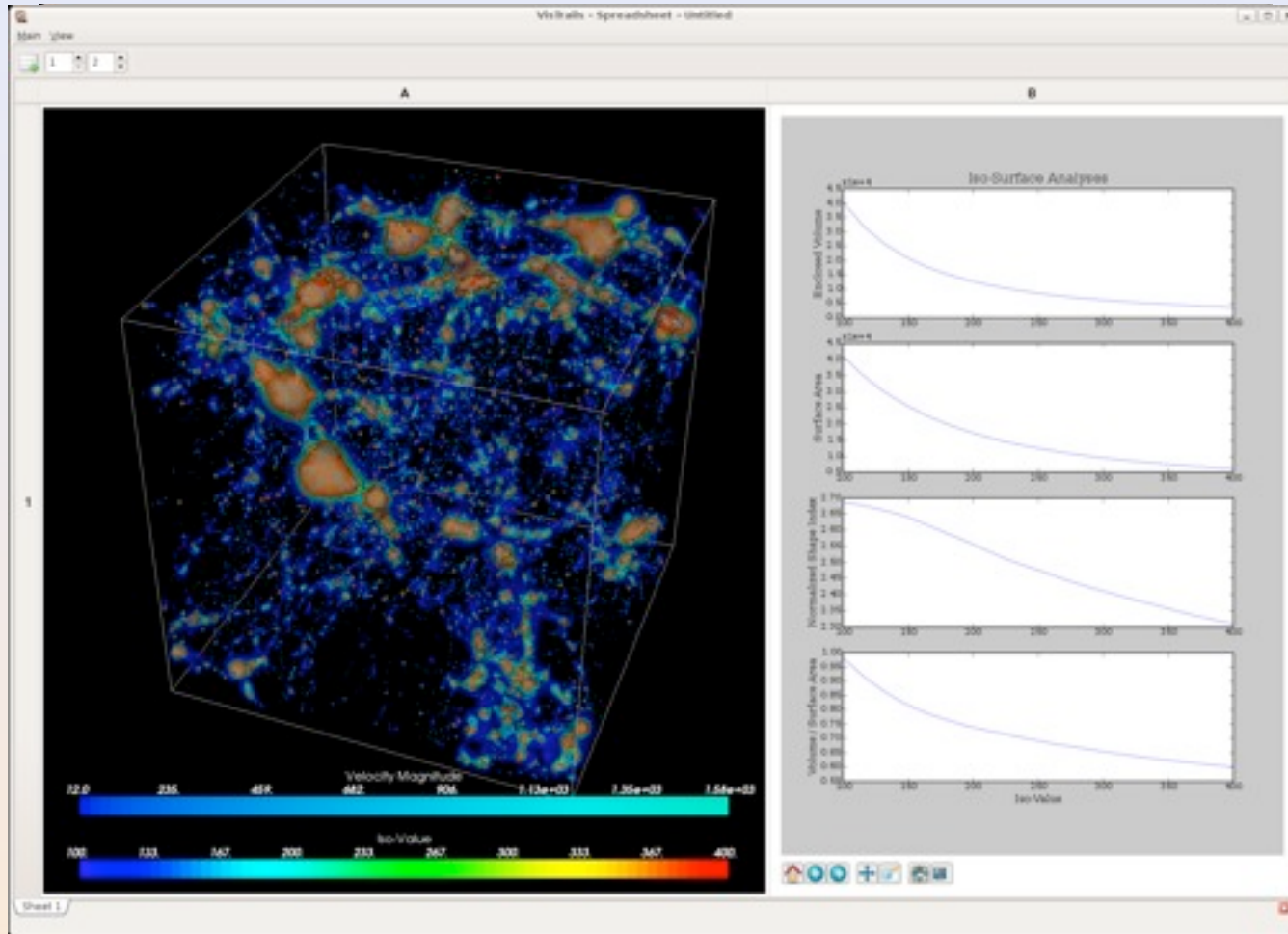
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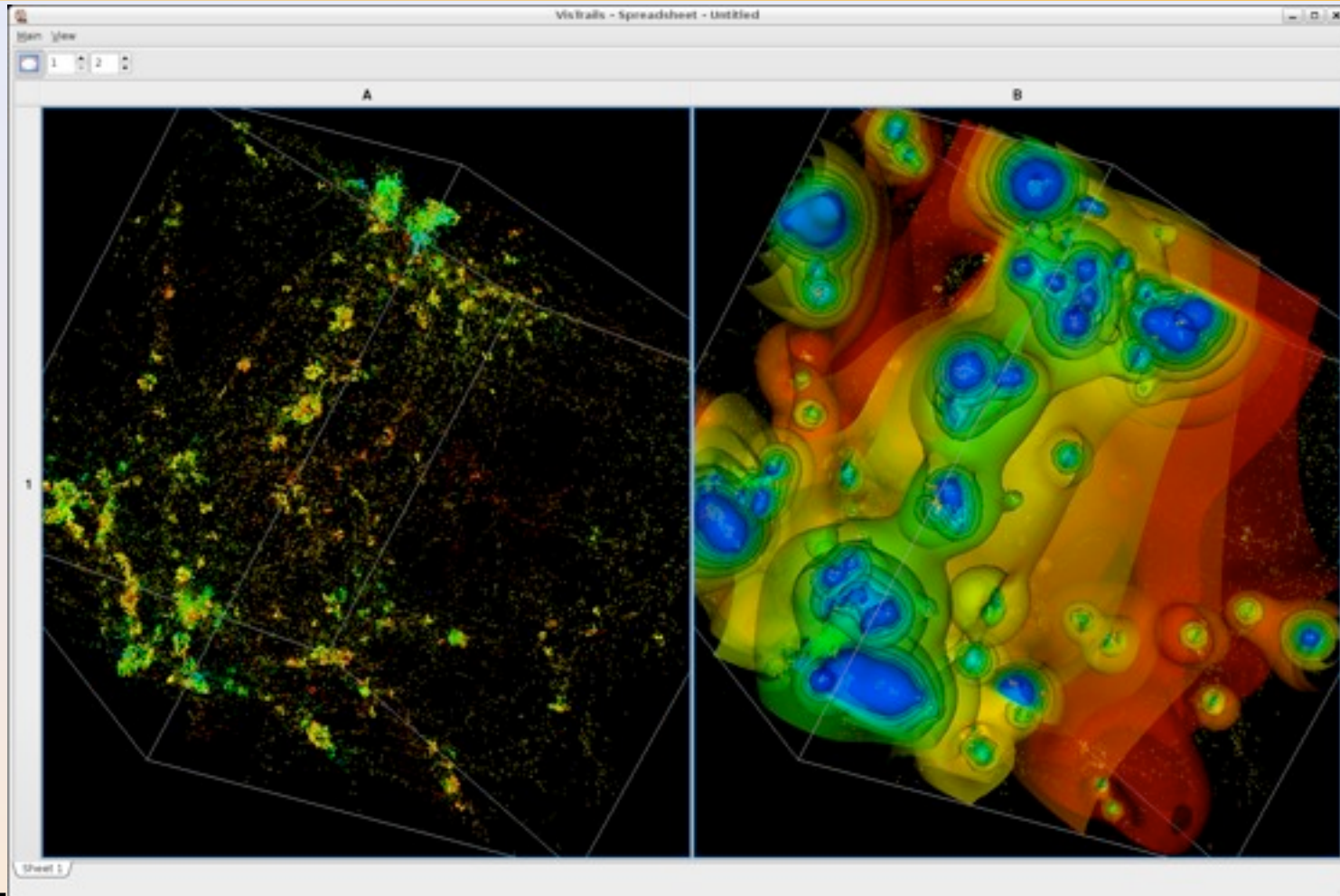
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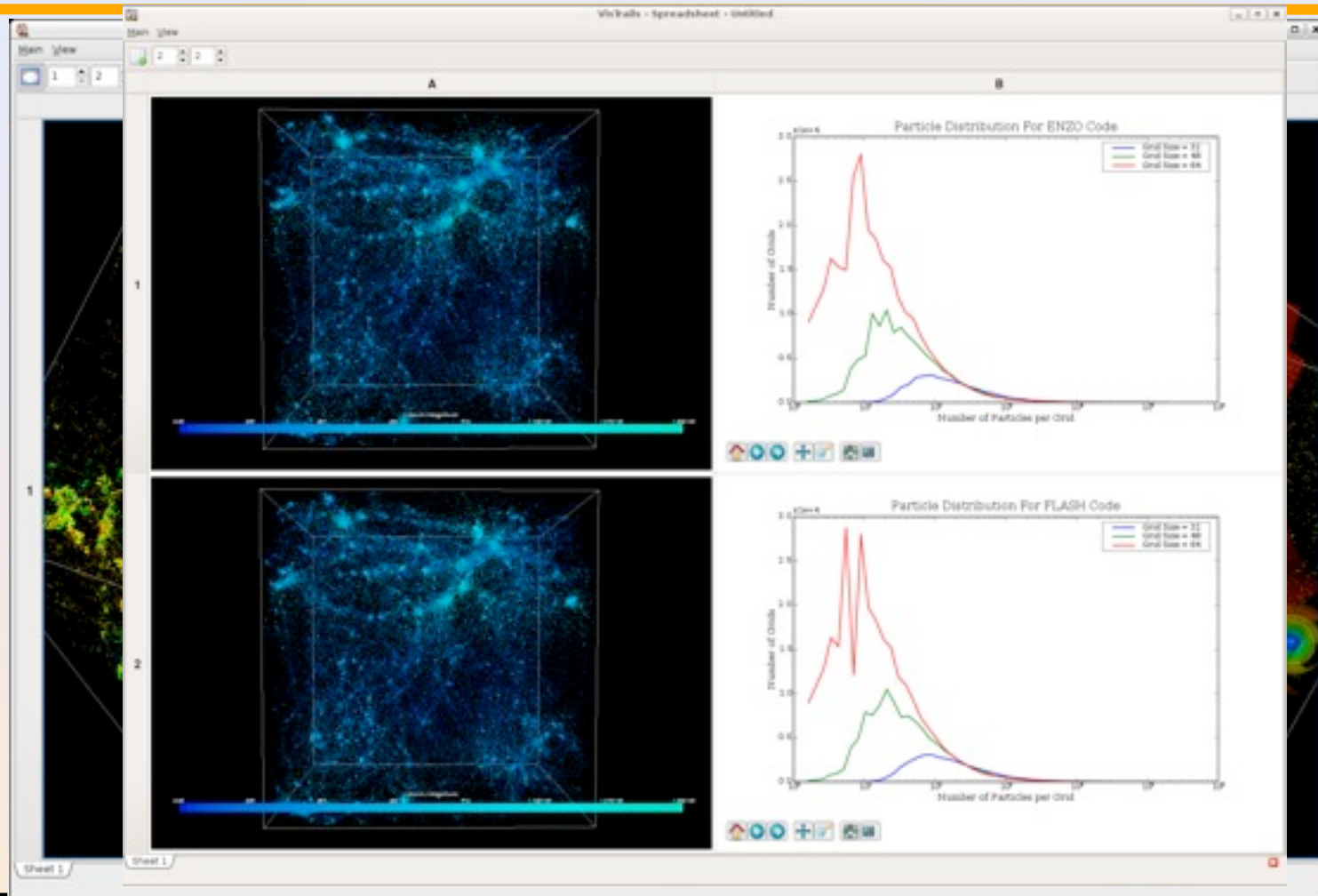
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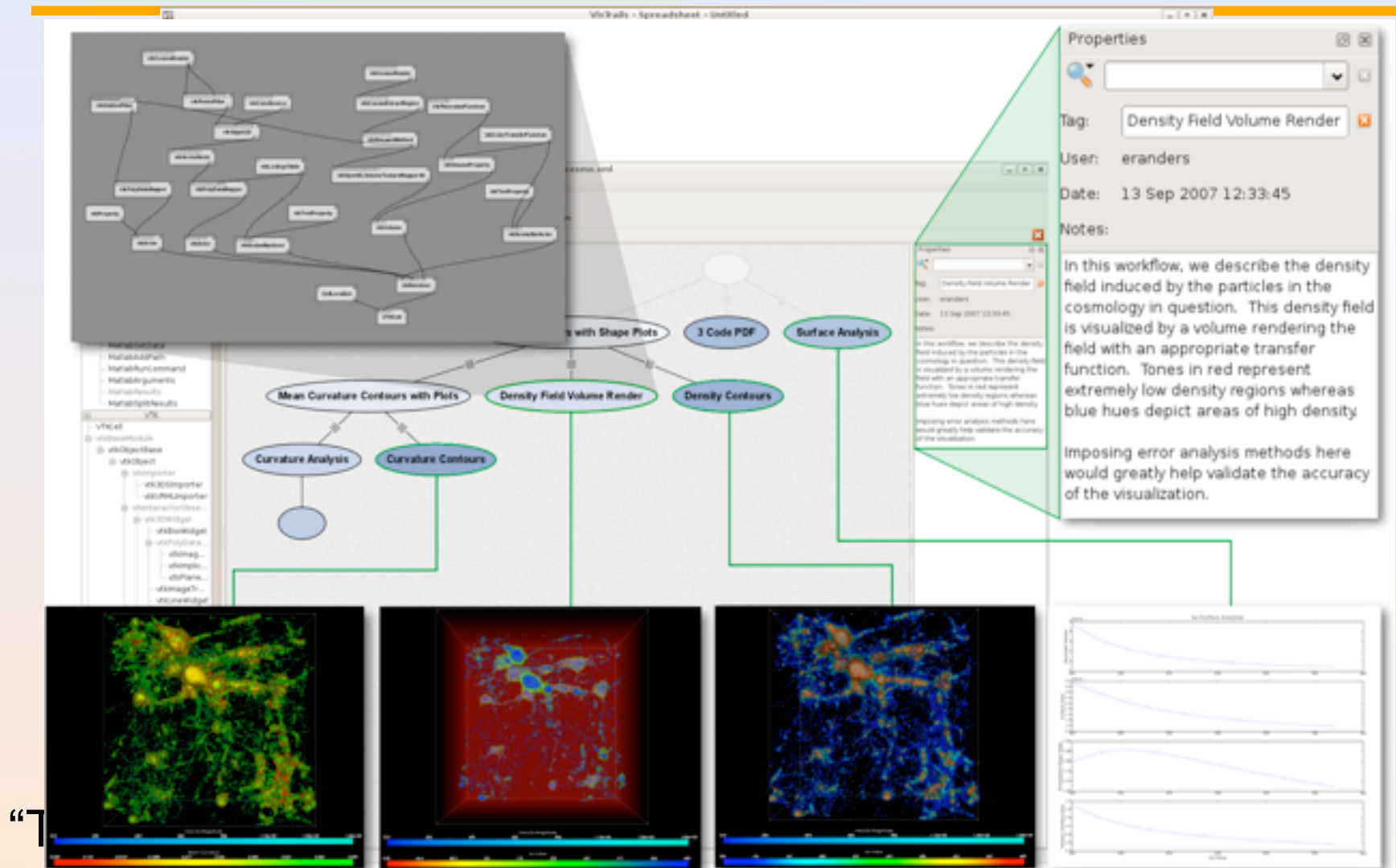
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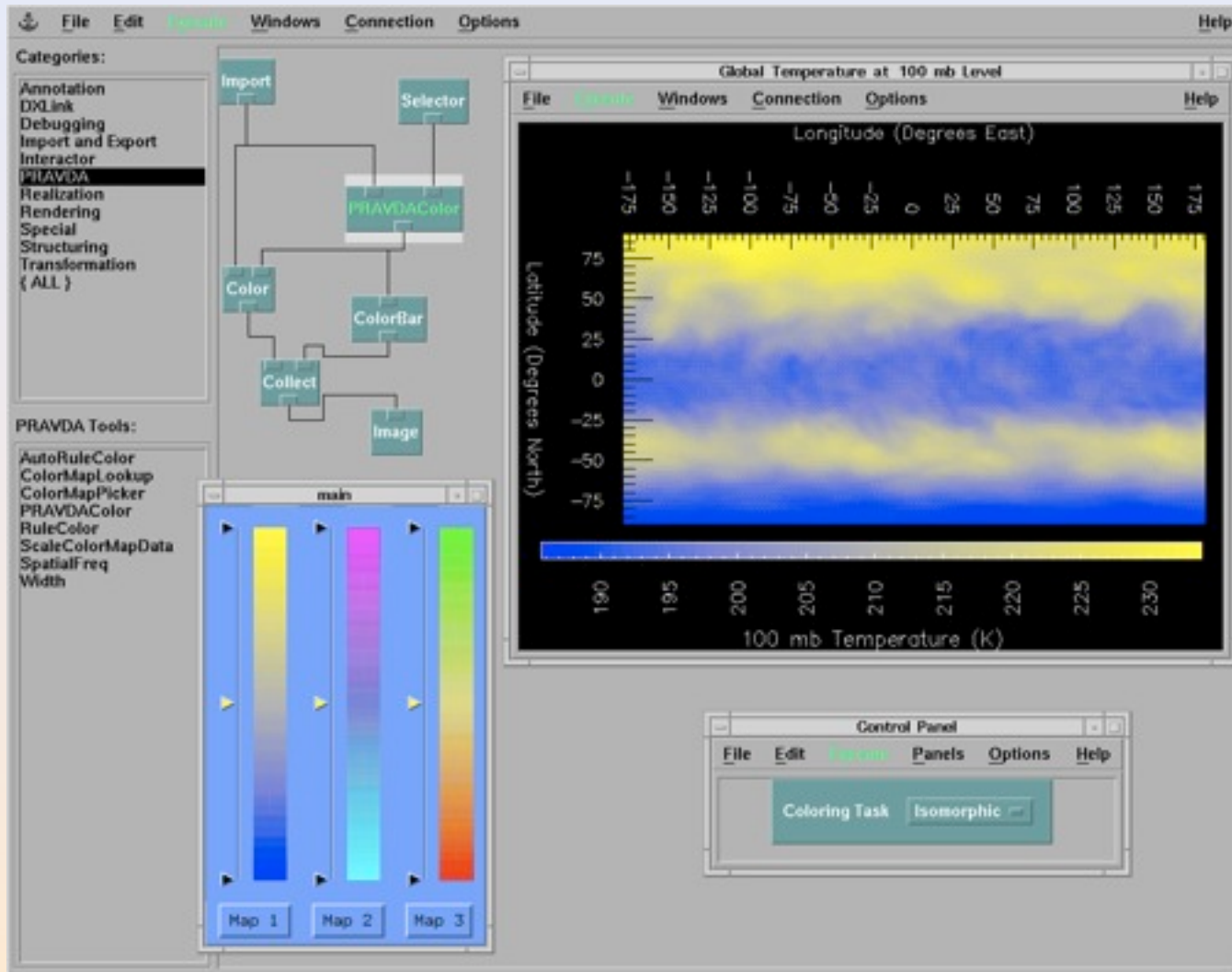
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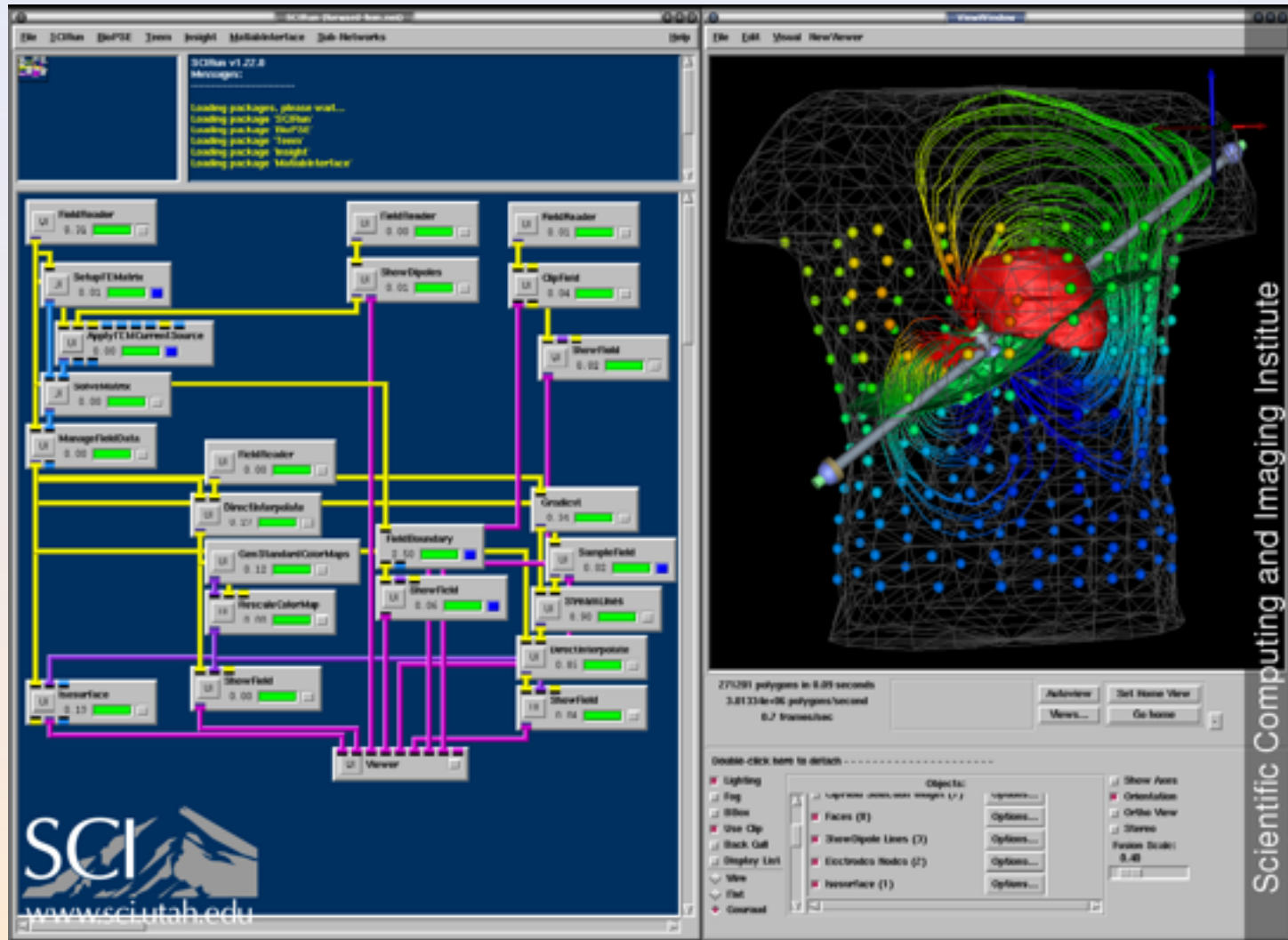
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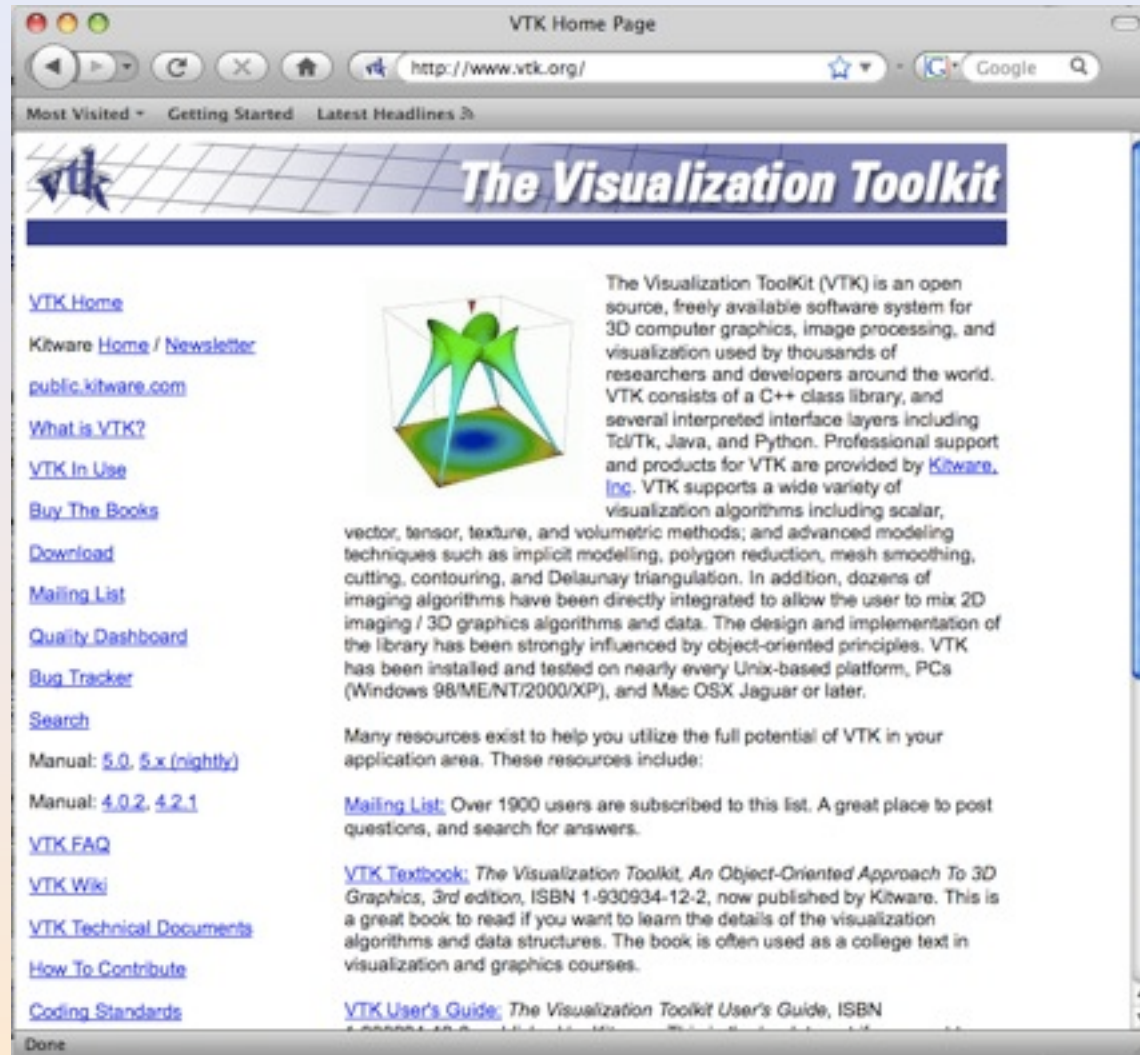


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# Digression: Workflows

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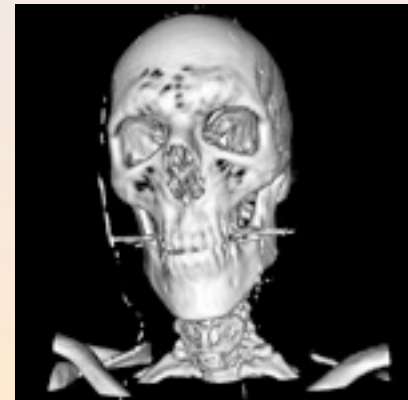
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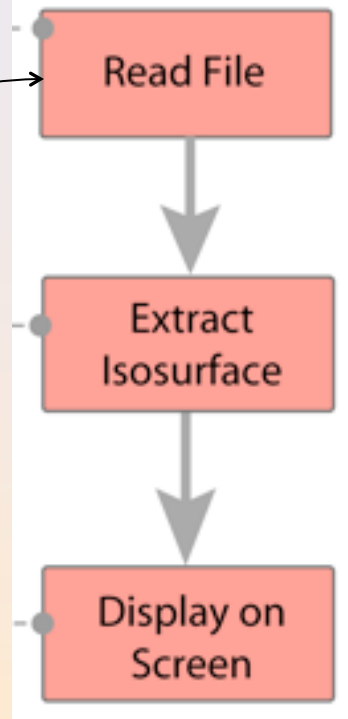


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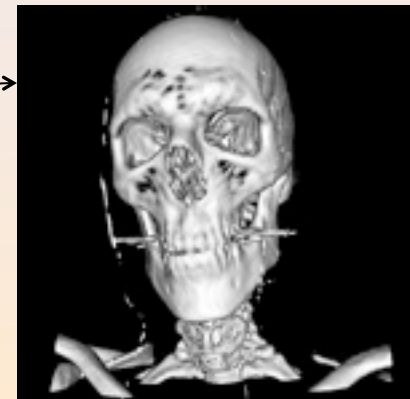
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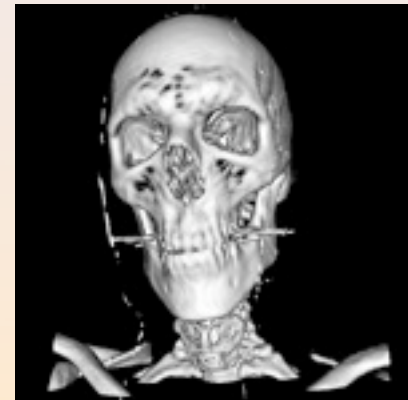
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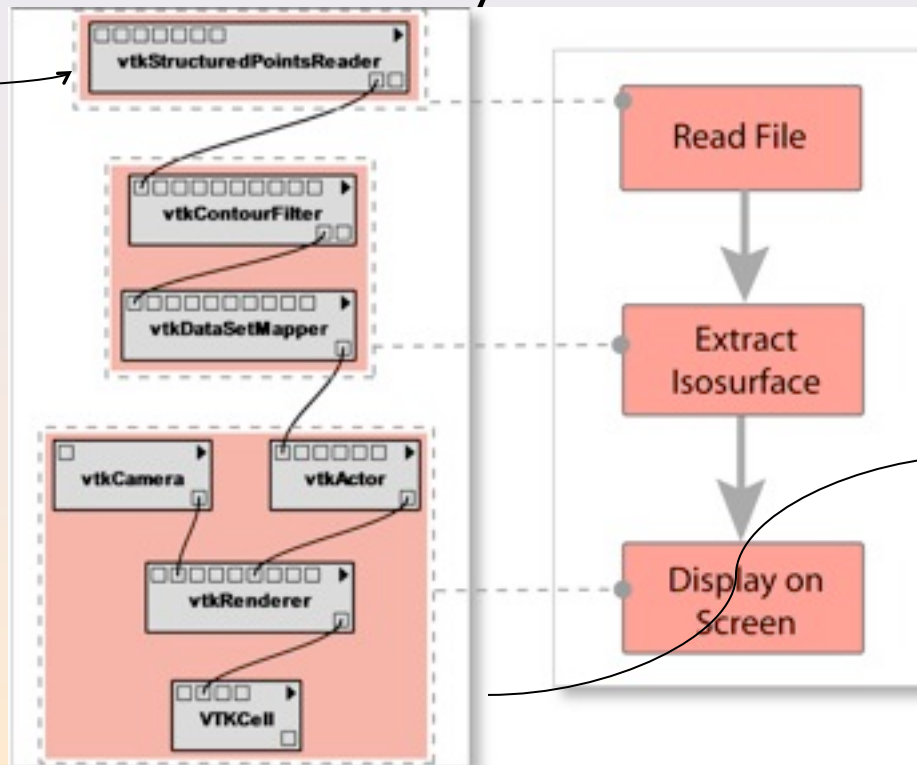


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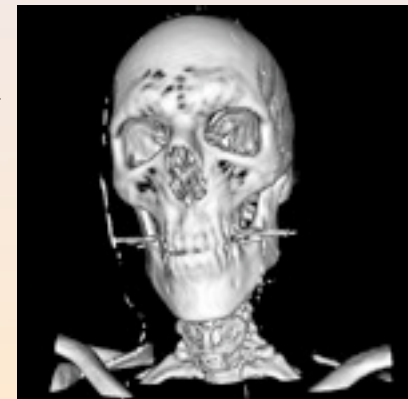
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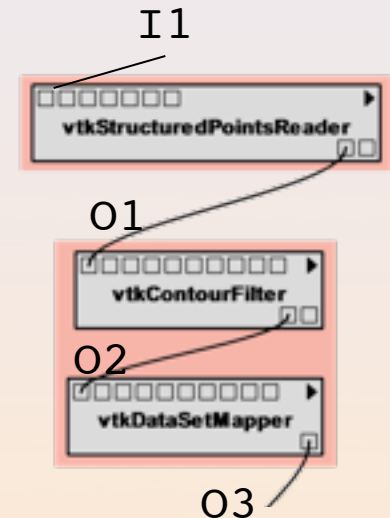
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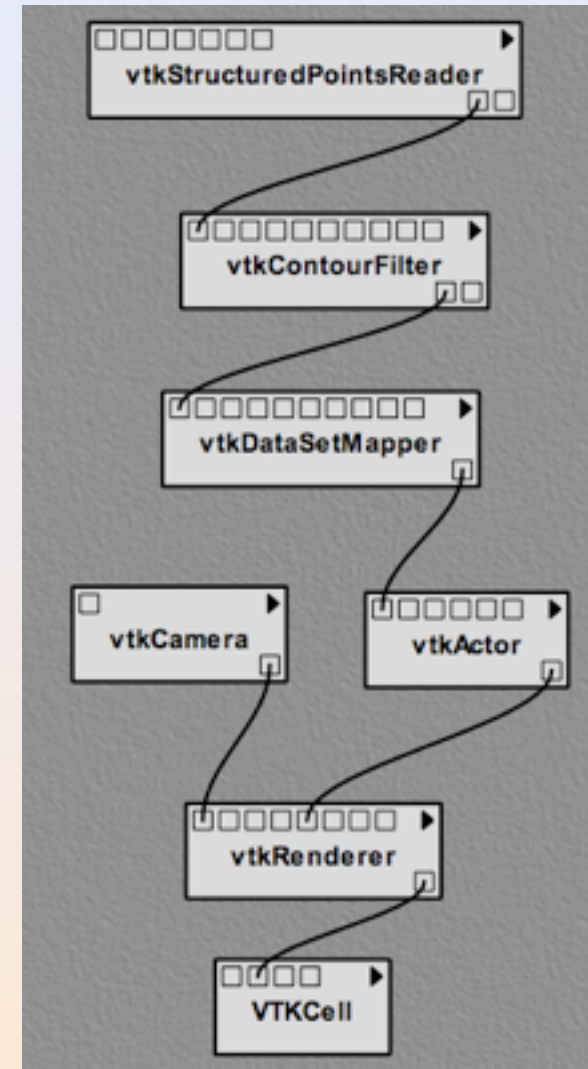
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- ❏ No state or side effects: Outputs are a *function* of the inputs
- ❏ Simple programming model
  - Good match for visual programming interfaces
  - Widely used: adopted by most scientific workflow and visualization systems
  - Easy to optimize and parallelize



# Workflows and Computer Programs

```
1 import vtk
2
3 data = vtk.vtkStructuredPointsReader()
4 data.SetFileName("../examples/data/head.120.vtk")
5
6 contour = vtk.vtkContourFilter()
7 contour.SetInput(0, data.GetOutput())
8 contour.SetValue(0, 67)
9
10 mapper = vtk.vtkPolyDataMapper()
11 mapper.SetInput(contour.GetOutput())
12 mapper.ScalarVisibilityOff()
13
14 actor = vtk.vtkActor()
15 actor.SetMapper(mapper)
16
17 cam = vtk.vtkCamera()
18 cam.SetViewUp(0, 0, -1)
19 cam.SetPosition(745, -453, 369)
20 cam.SetFocalPoint(135, 135, 150)
21 cam.ComputeViewPlaneNormal()
22
23 ren = vtk.vtkRenderer()
24 ren.AddActor(actor)
25 ren.SetActiveCamera(cam)
26 ren.ResetCamera()
27
28 renwin = vtk.vtkRenderWindow()
29 renwin.AddRenderer(ren)
30
31 style = vtk.vtkInteractorStyleTrackballCamera()
32 iren = vtk.vtkRenderWindowInteractor()
33 iren.SetRenderWindow(renwin)
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35 iren.Initialize()
36 iren.Start()
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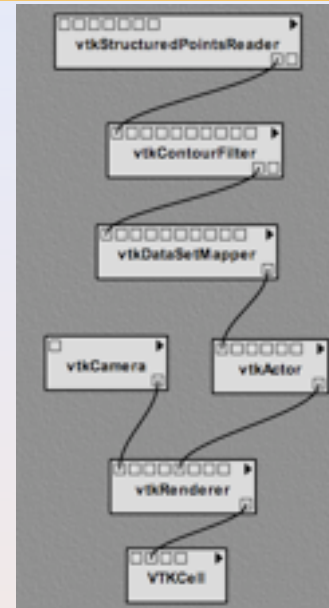


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20 cam.SetFocalPoint(135, 135, 150)
21 cam.ComputeViewPlaneNormal()
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25 ren.SetActiveCamera(cam)
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28 renWin = vtk.vtkRenderWindow()
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Program → Workflow

Document → Database



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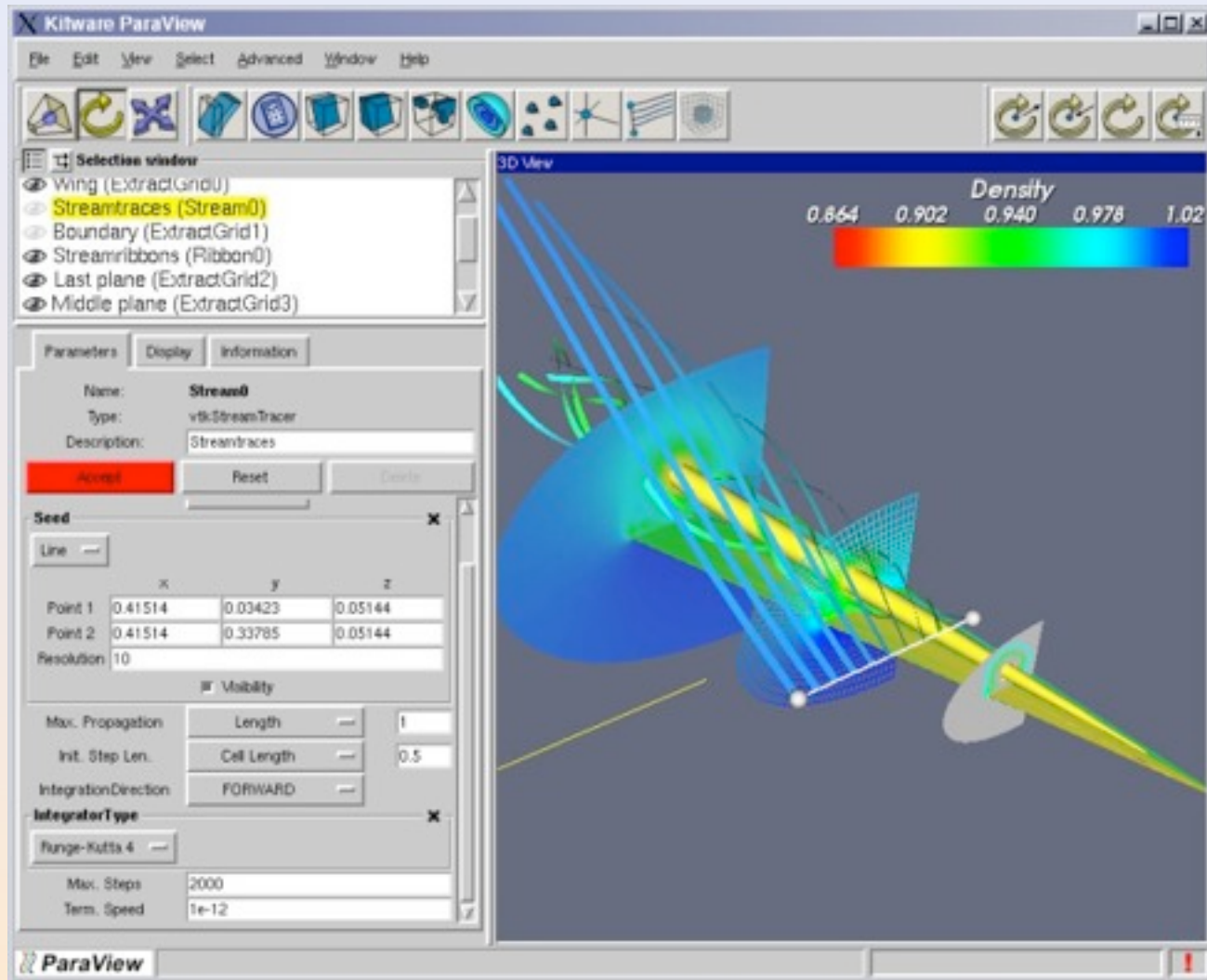
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*A program is to a workflow what an unstructured document is to a (structured) database.*

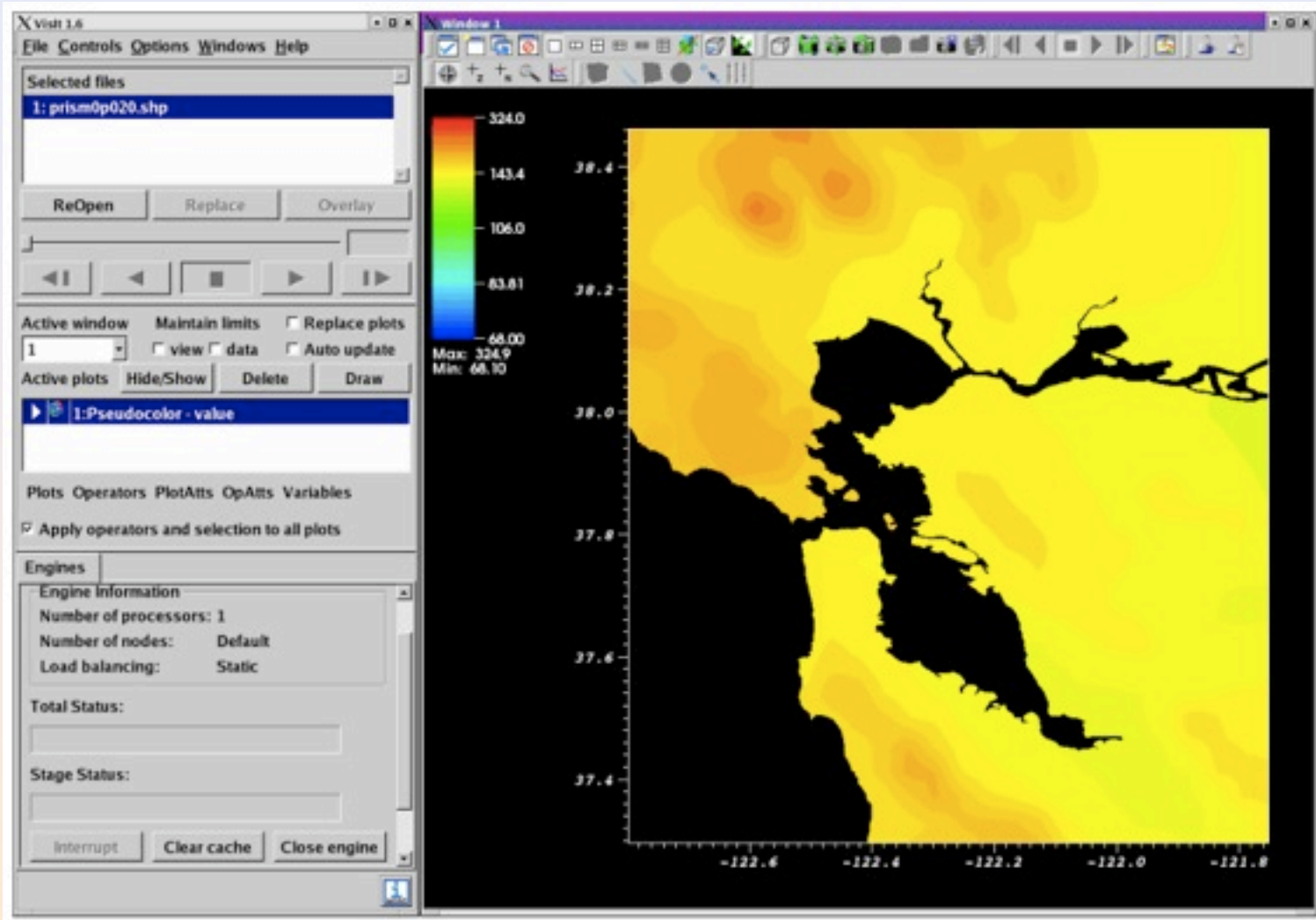
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# ParaView



# VisIt

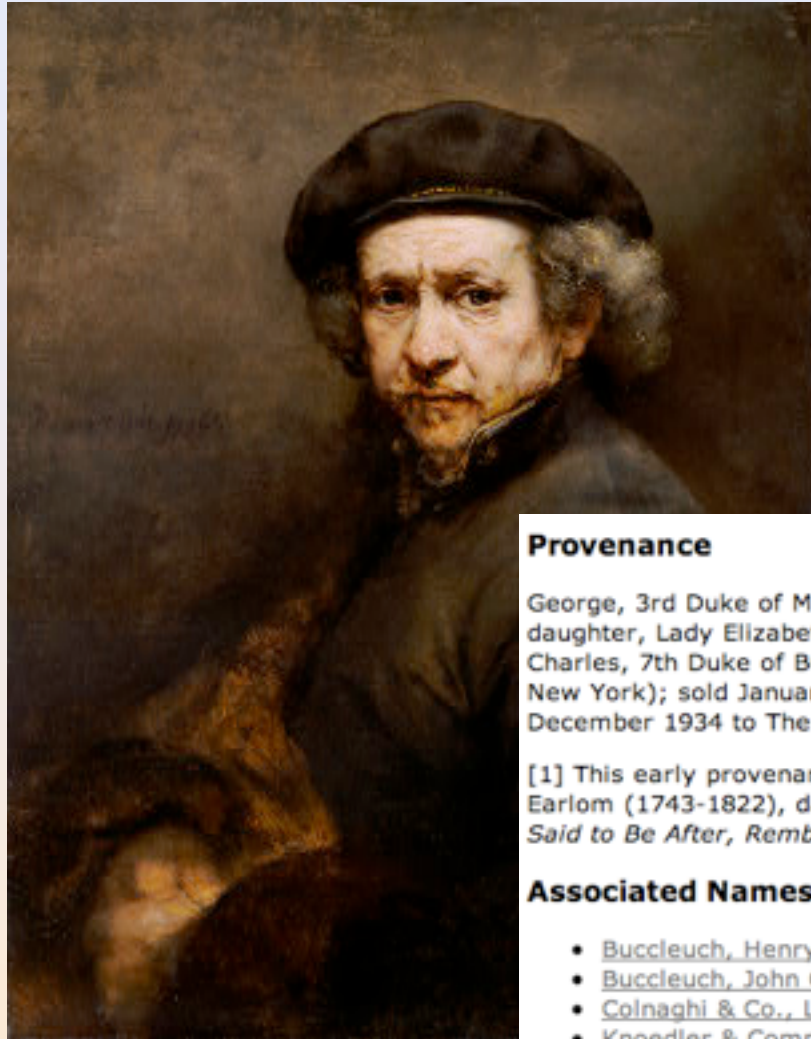


# VisTrails Project

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# Provenance in Art



**Rembrandt van Rijn**  
***Self-Portrait, 1659***  
***Andrew W. Mellon Collection***  
**1937.1.72**

## Provenance

George, 3rd Duke of Montagu and 4th Earl of Cardigan [d. 1790], by 1767;[1] by inheritance to his daughter, Lady Elizabeth, wife of Henry, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch of Montagu House, London; John Charles, 7th Duke of Buccleuch; (P. & D. Colnaghi & Co., New York, 1928); (M. Knoedler & Co., New York); sold January 1929 to Andrew W. Mellon, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.; deeded 28 December 1934 to The A.W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, Pittsburgh; gift 1937 to NGA.

[1] This early provenance is established by presence of a mezzotint after the portrait by R. Earlom (1743-1822), dated 1767. See John Charrington, *A Catalogue of the Mezzotints After, or Said to Be After, Rembrandt*, Cambridge, 1923, no. 49.

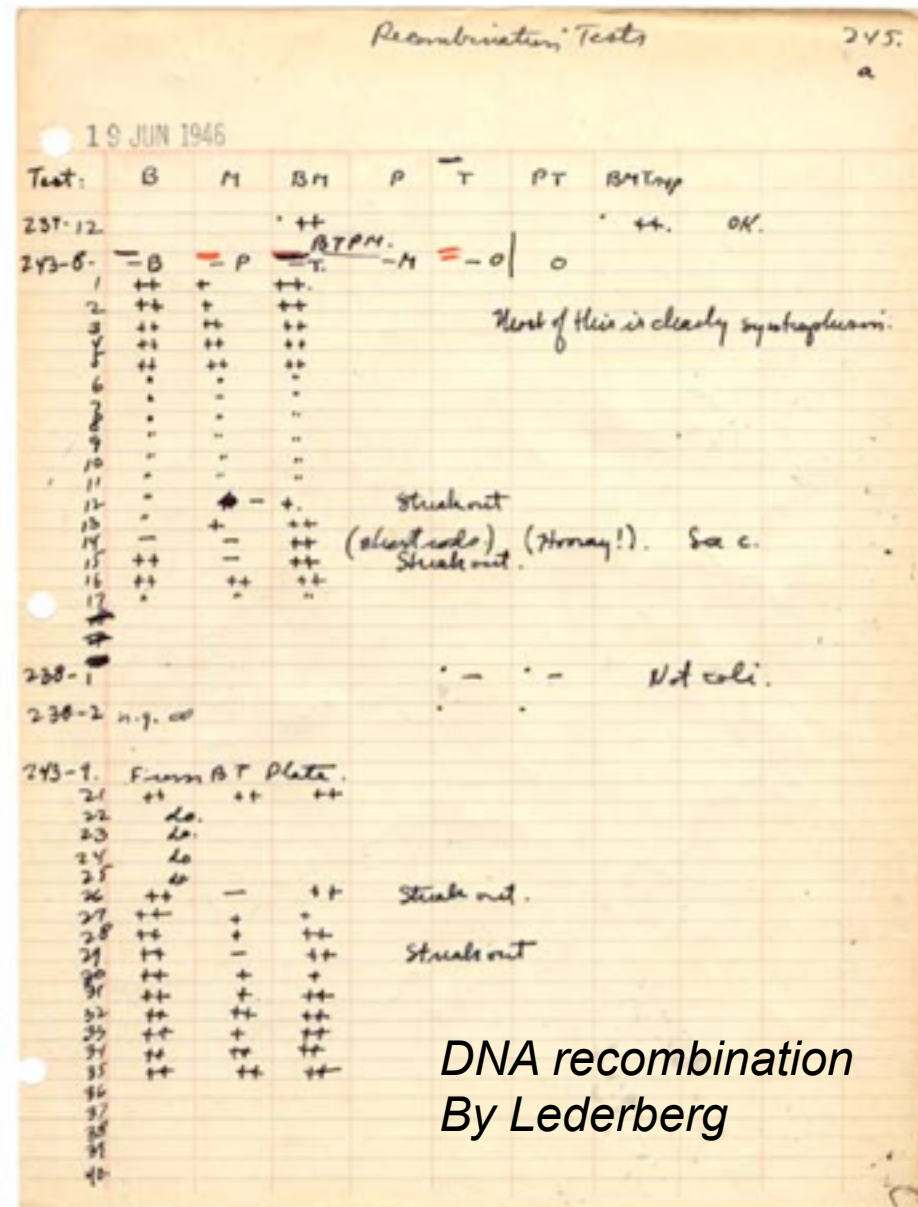
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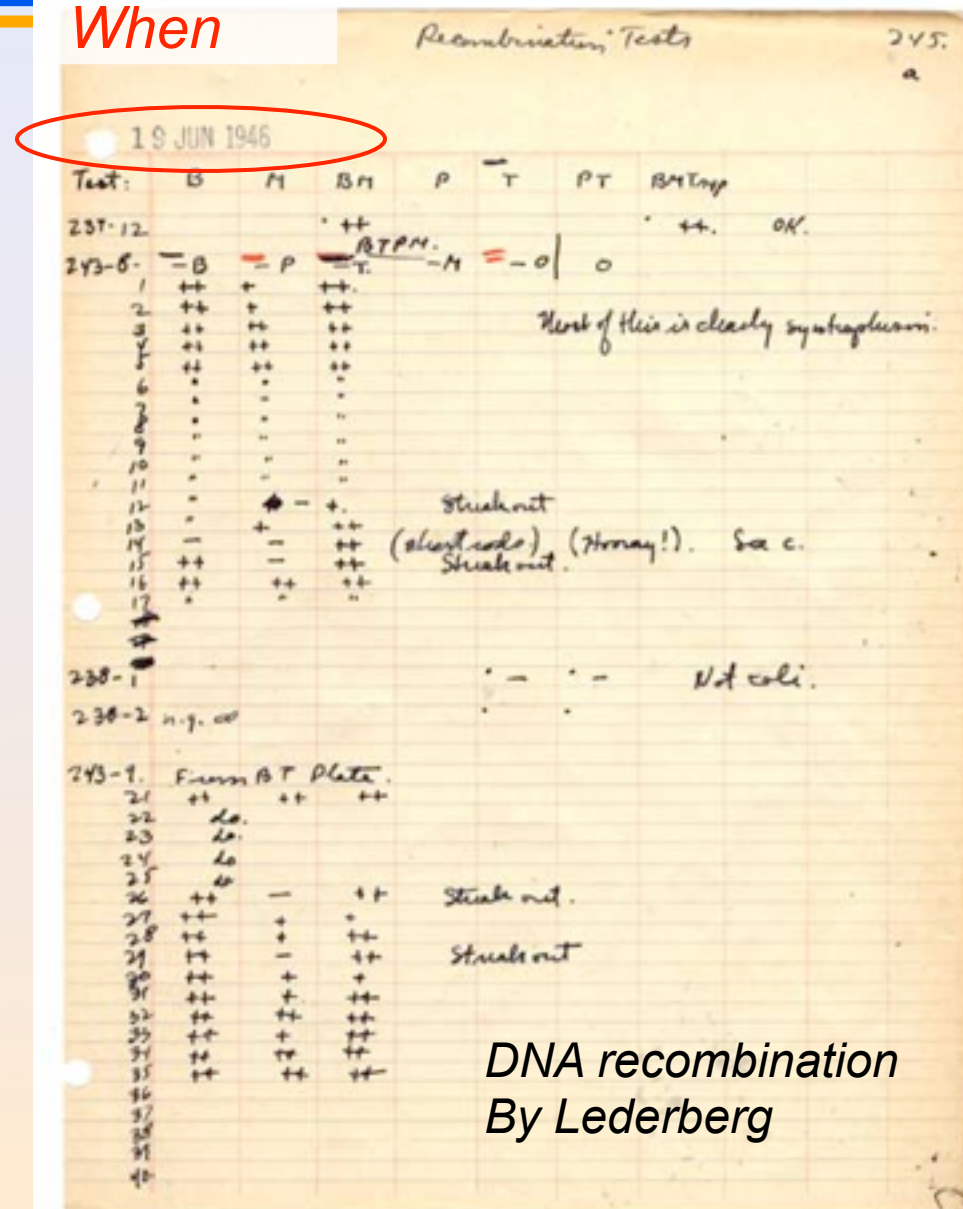
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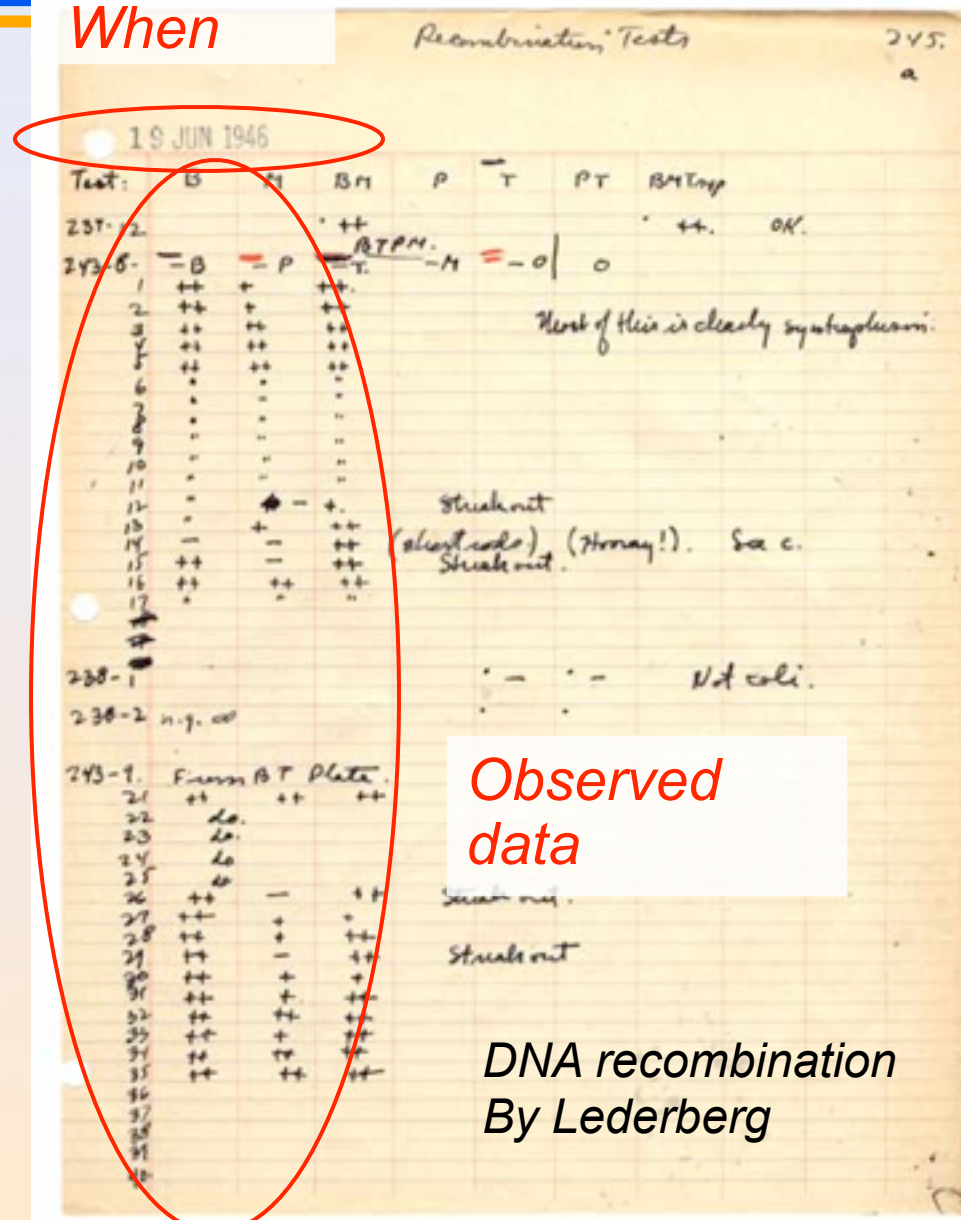
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# When

19 JUN 1946

## Annotation

*Observed  
data*

## DNA recombination

### By Lederberg

# Exploration and Workflows

- ❏ Workflows have been traditionally used to automate repetitive tasks
- ❏ In exploratory tasks, *change is the norm!*
  - Data analysis and exploration are iterative processes

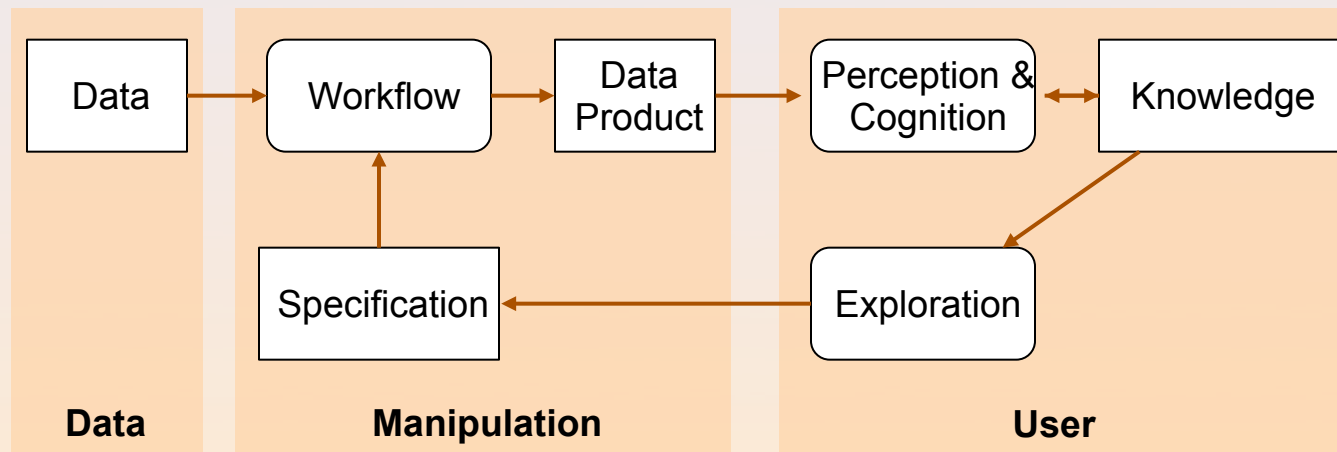


Figure modified from J. van Wijk, IEEE Vis 2005

# Exploration and Creativity Support

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- ☞ Reflective reasoning is key in the exploratory processes
- ☞ *“Reflective reasoning requires the ability to store temporary results, to make inferences from stored knowledge, and to follow chains of reasoning backward and forward, sometimes backtracking when a promising line of thought proves to be unfruitful. ...the process is slow and laborious”*

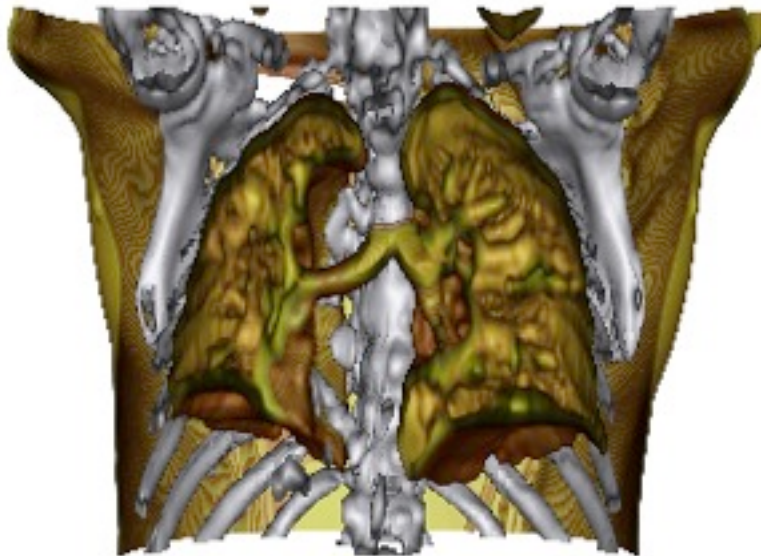
Donald A. Norman

- ☞ Need external aids—tools to facilitate this process
  - Creativity support tools [Shneiderman, CACM 2002]
- ☞ Need aid from people—collaboration

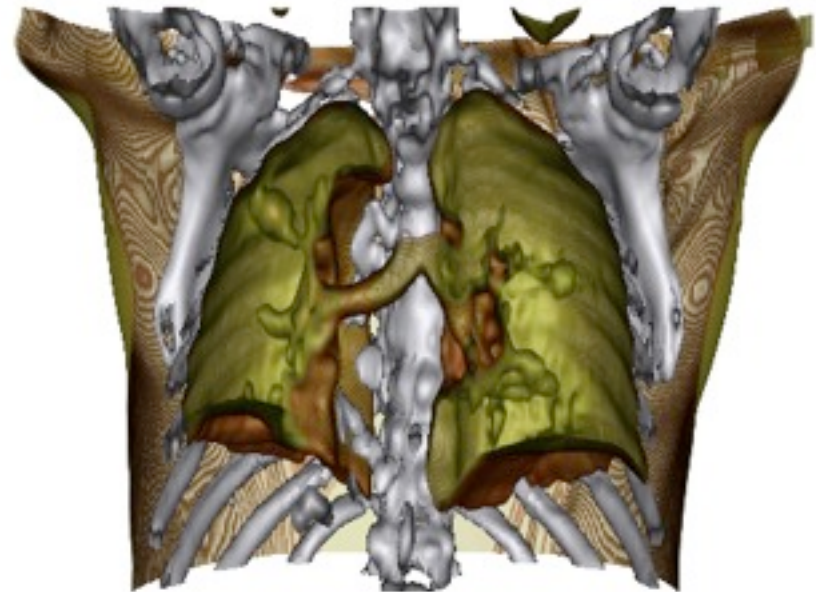
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*What's the difference?*

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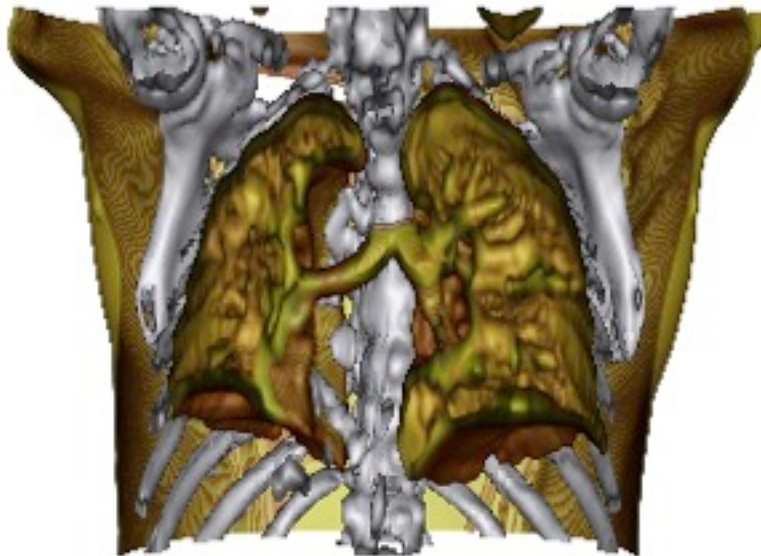
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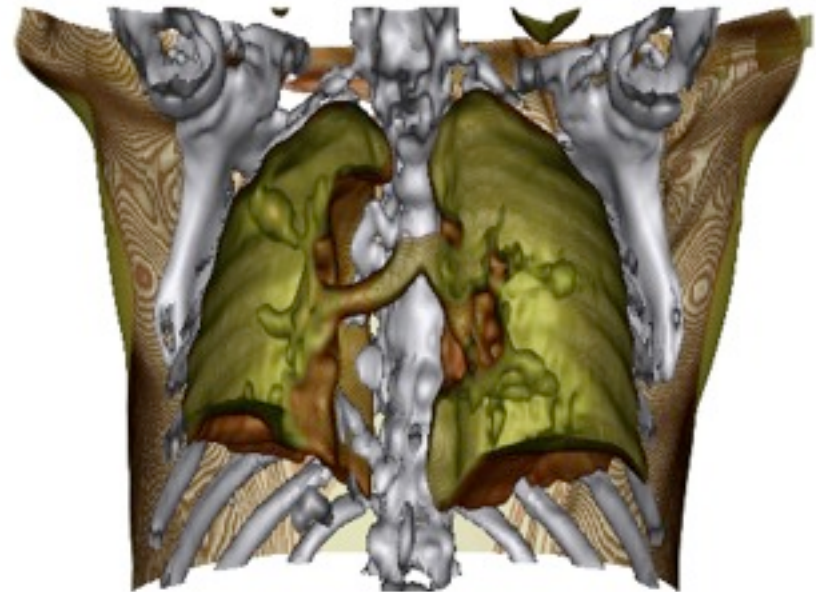
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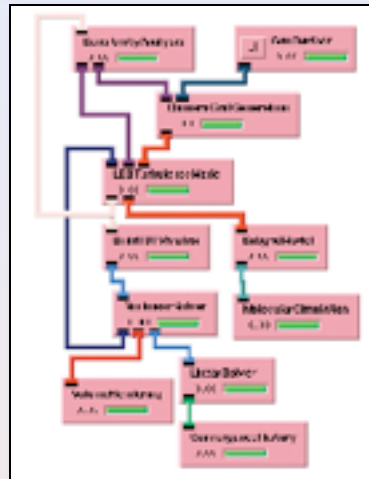
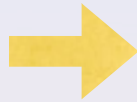
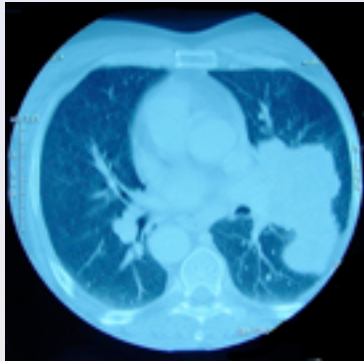
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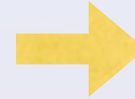
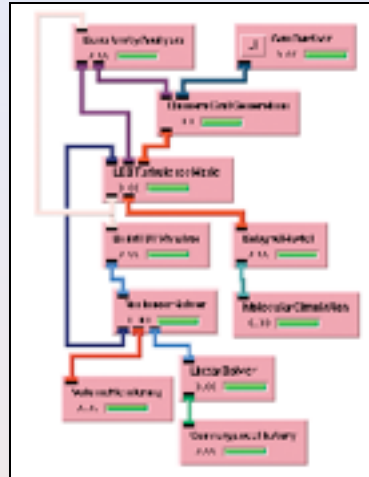
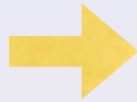
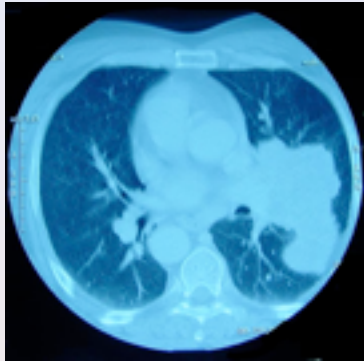
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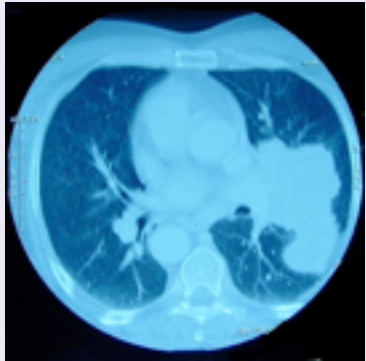
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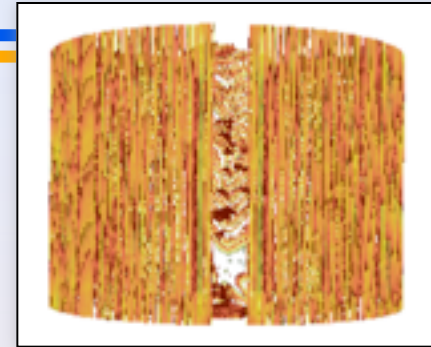
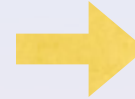
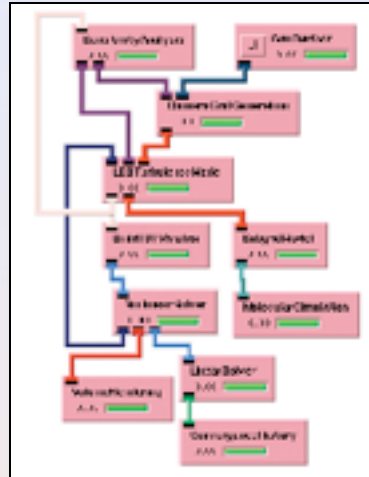


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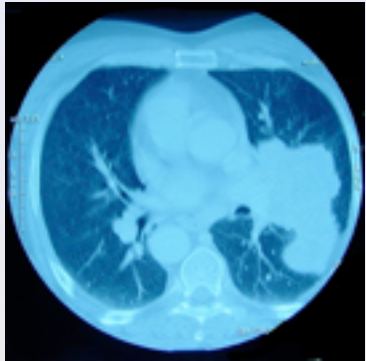


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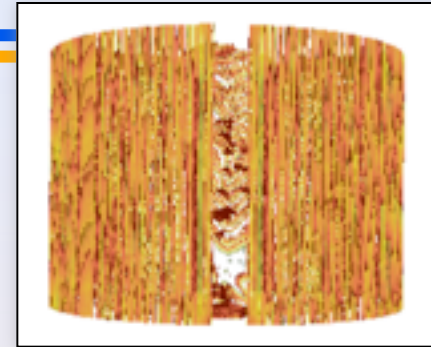
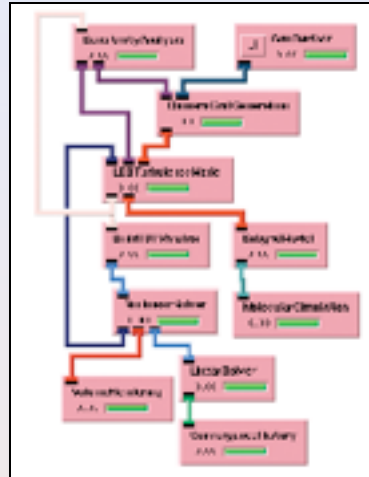


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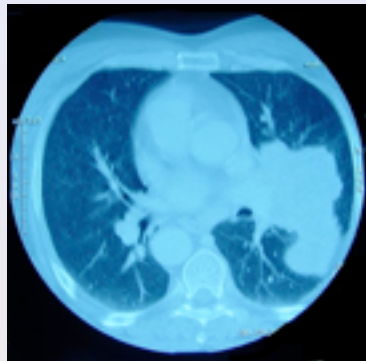
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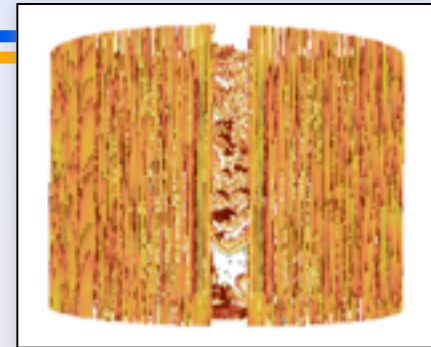
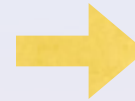
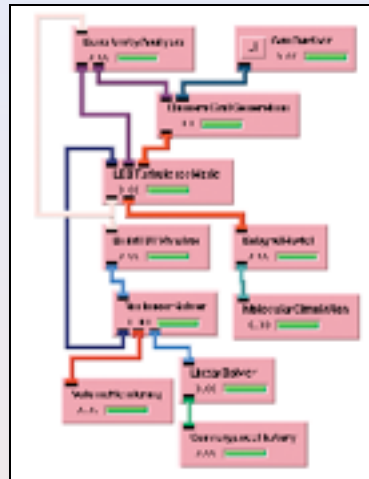
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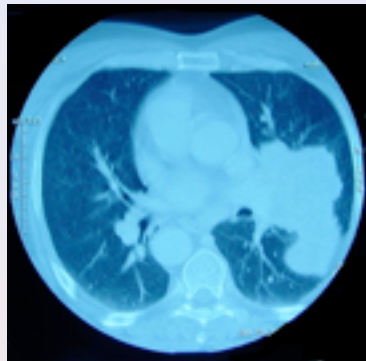
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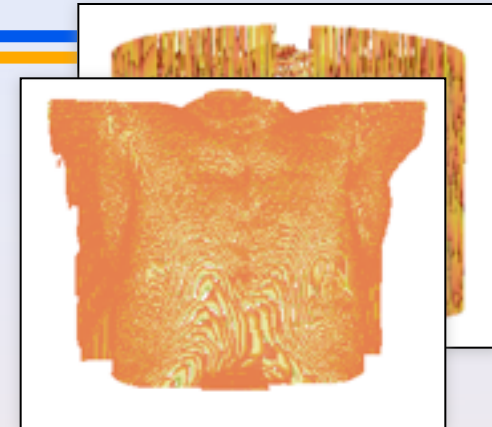
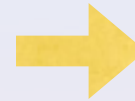
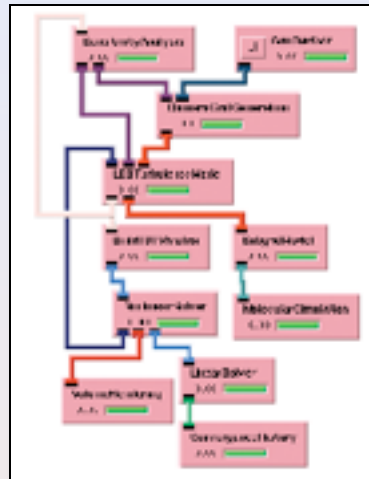


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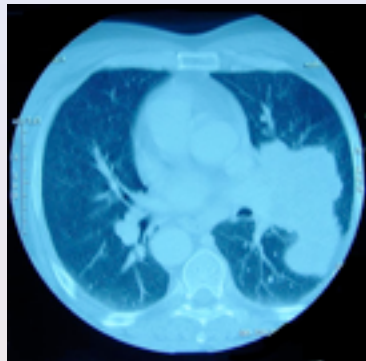
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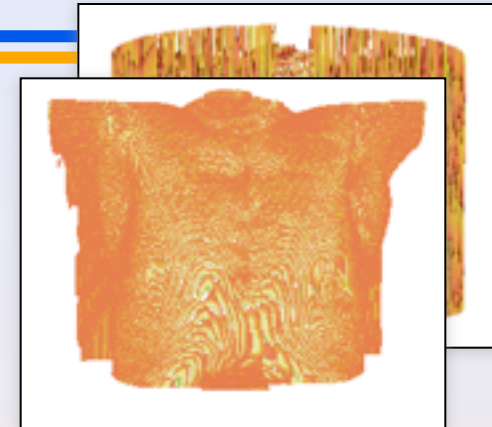
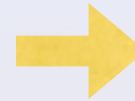
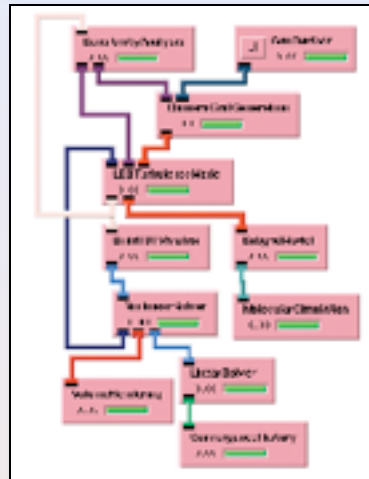
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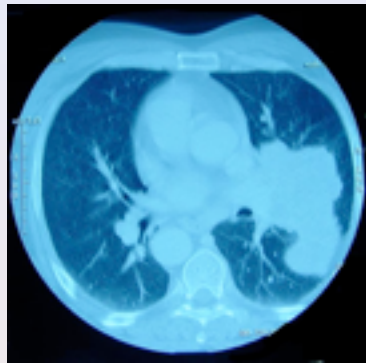
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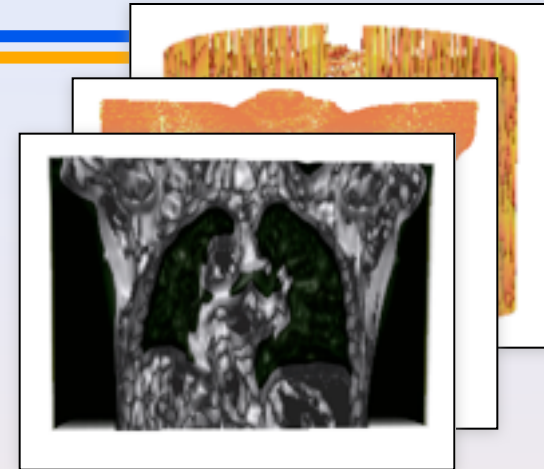
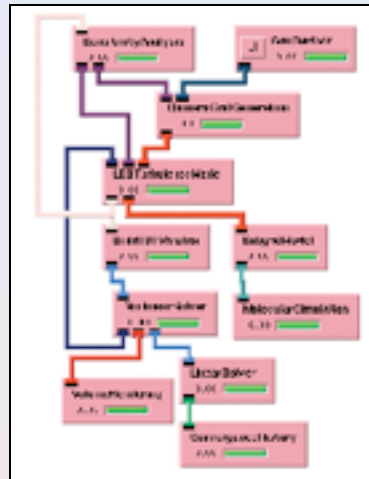
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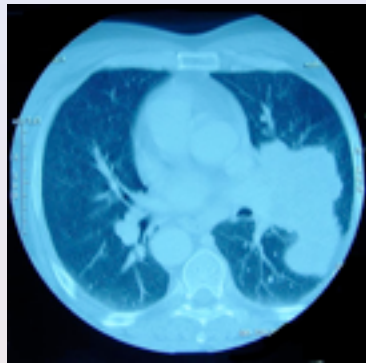
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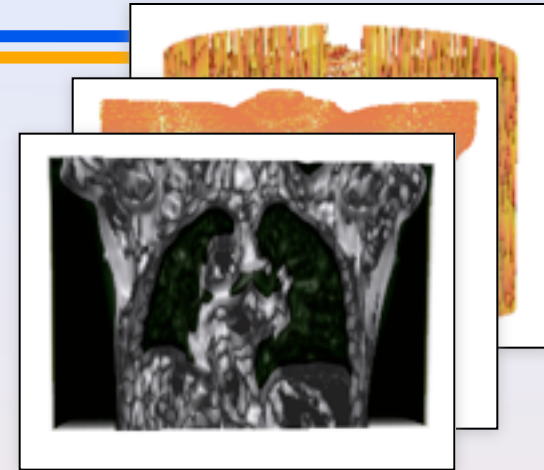
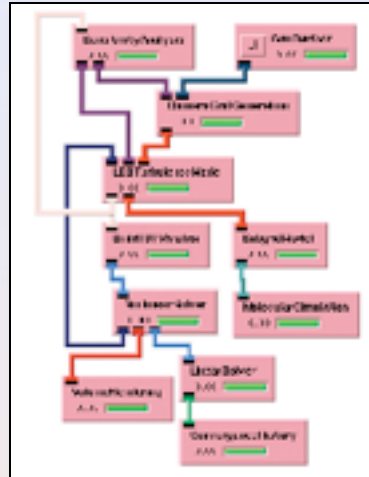
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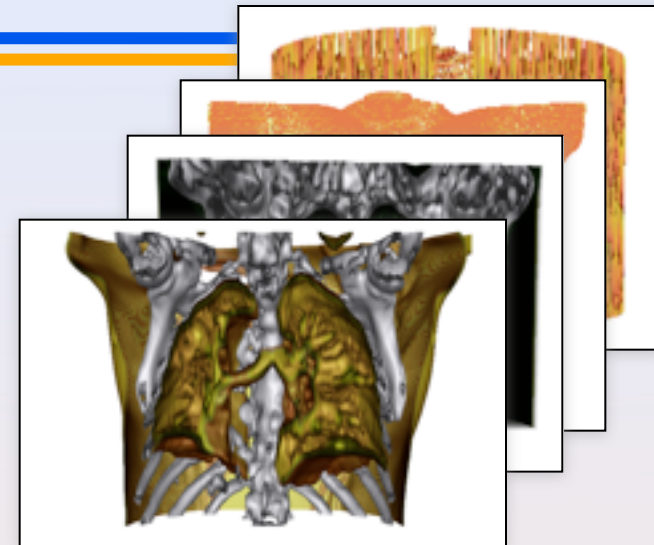
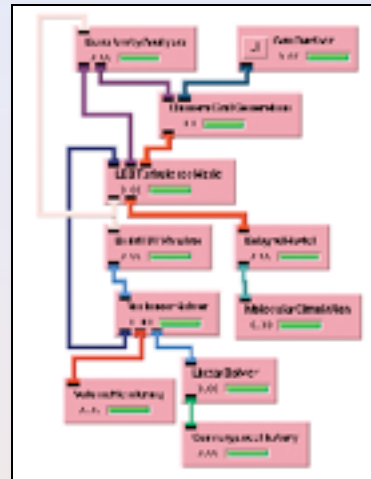
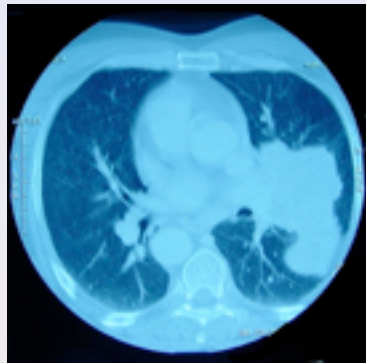
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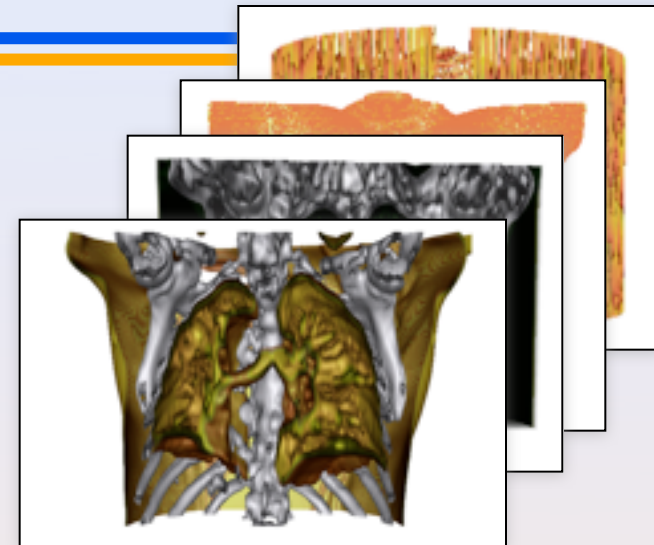
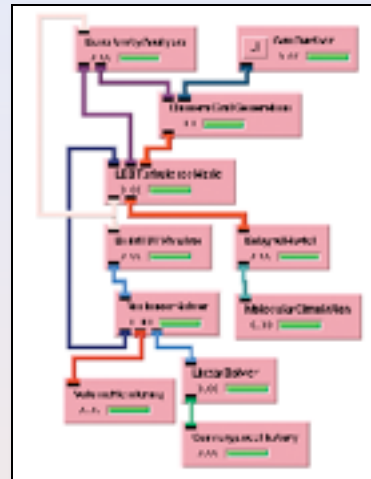
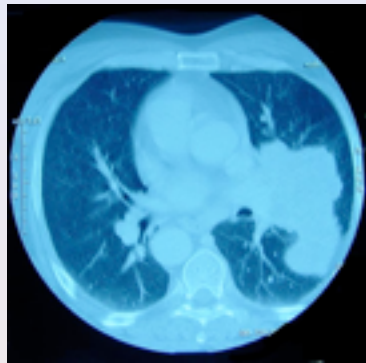
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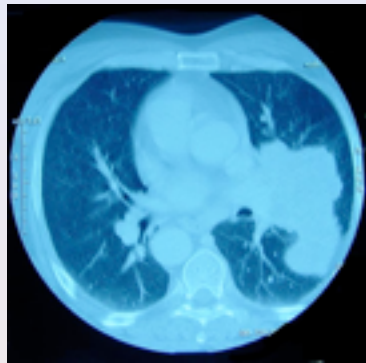
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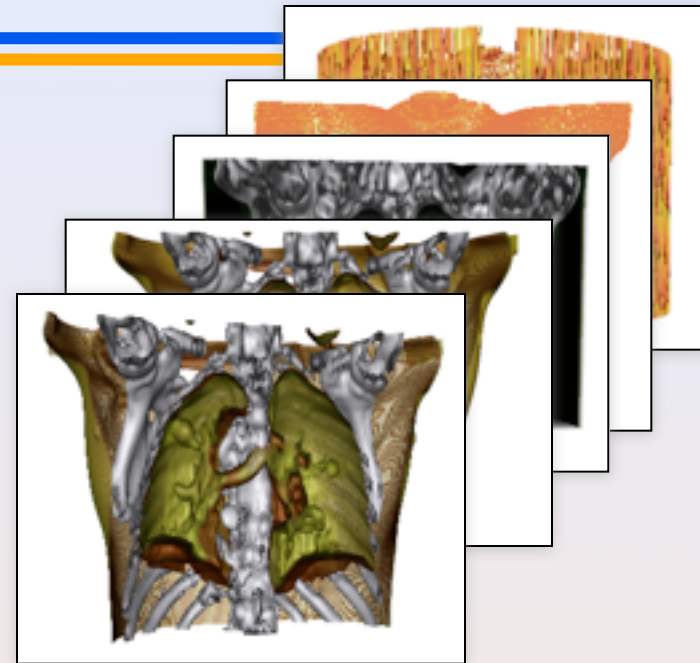
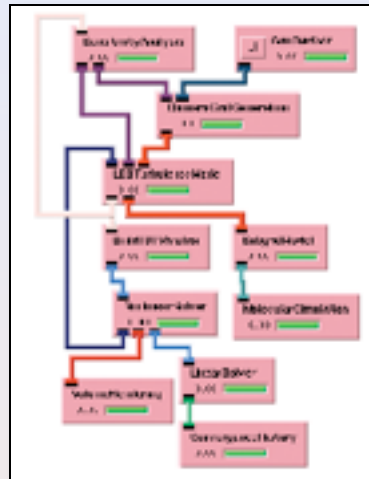


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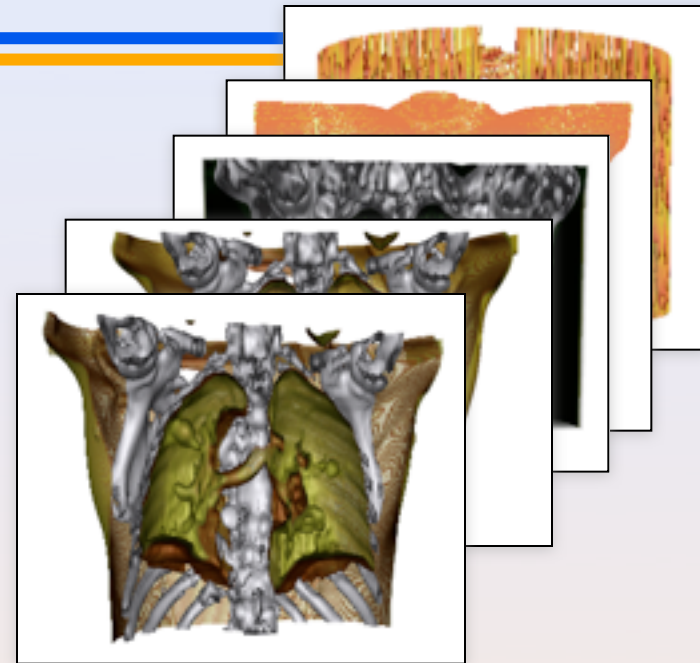
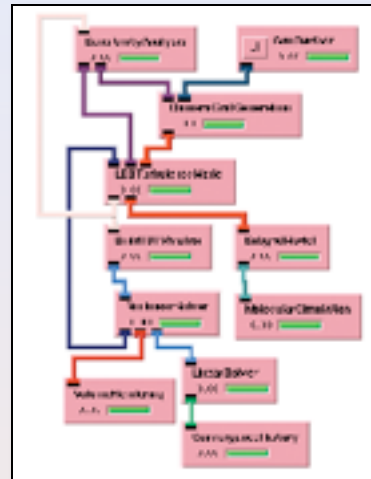
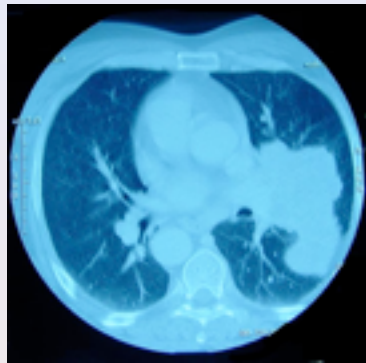
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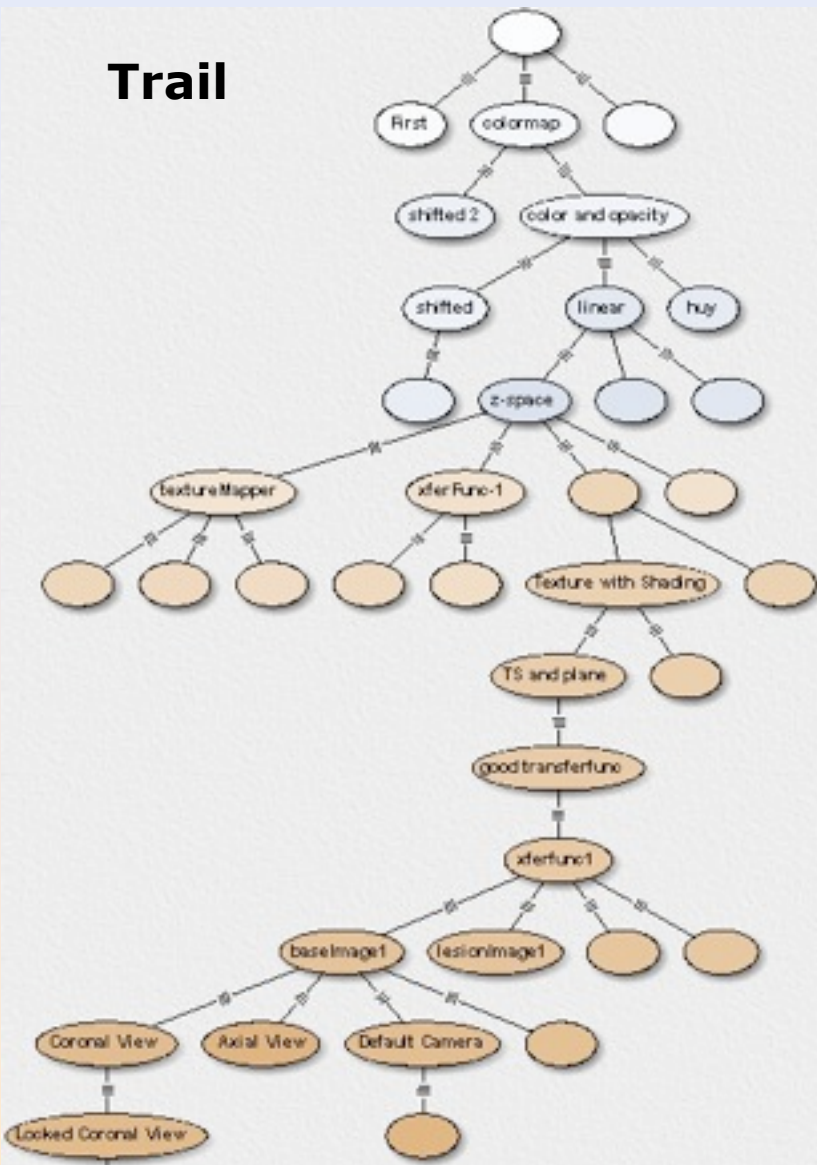
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- ☞ Comprehensive *provenance infrastructure* for computational tasks
  - Data + **workflow** provenance
  - *Treat workflow as a 1st-class data product*
- ☞ Support for *exploratory* tasks such as visualization and data mining
  - Task specification iteratively refined as users generate and test hypotheses
- ☞ VisTrails **manages the data, metadata and the exploration process**, scientists can focus on *science!*
- ☞ Not a replacement for visualization or scientific workflow systems: infrastructure that can be combined with and enhance these systems
- ☞ **Focus on usability**—build tools for scientists

<http://www.vistrails.org>

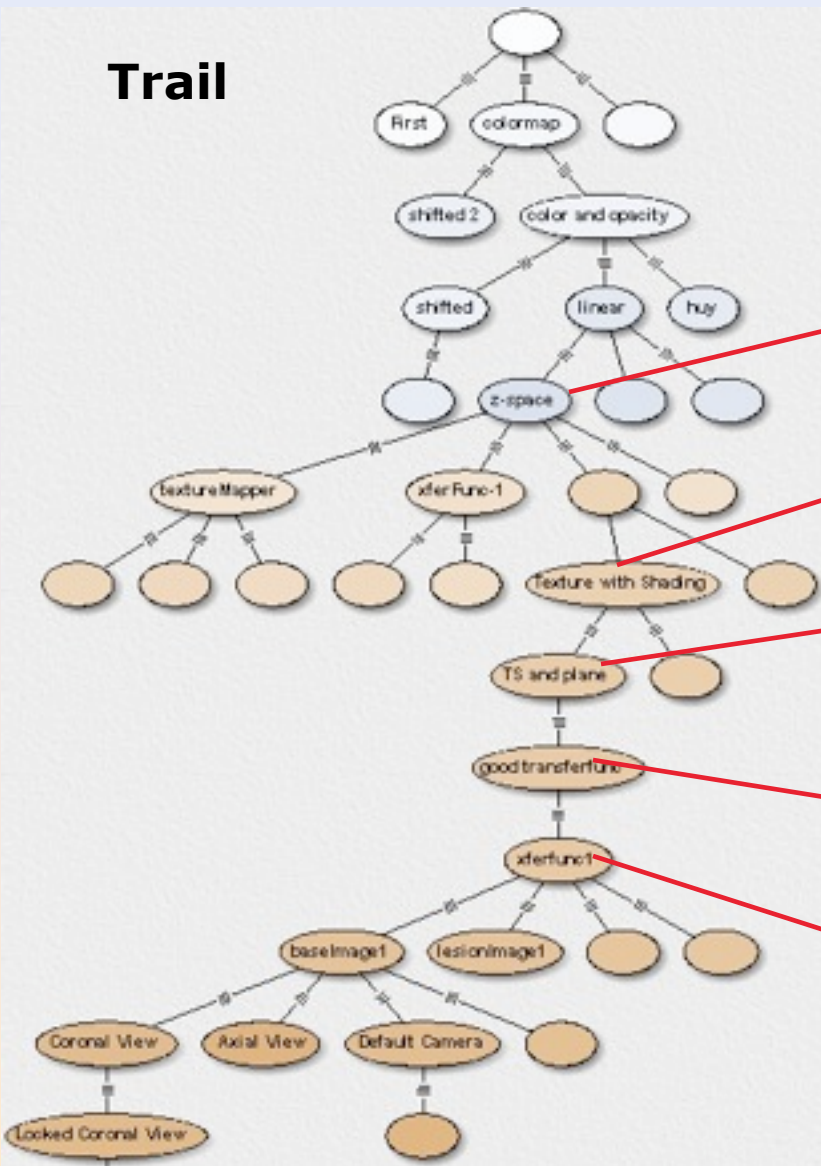
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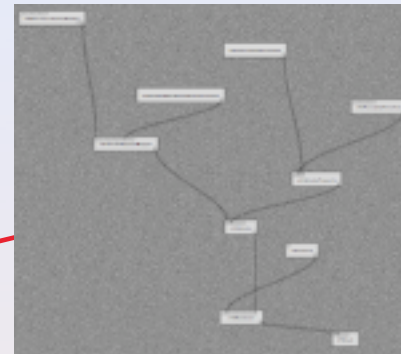


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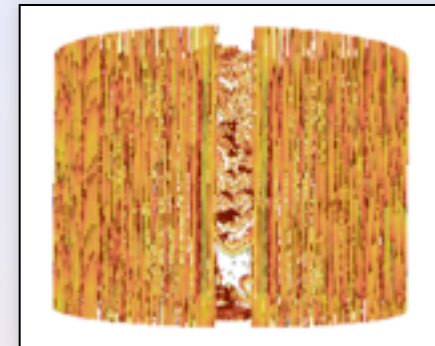
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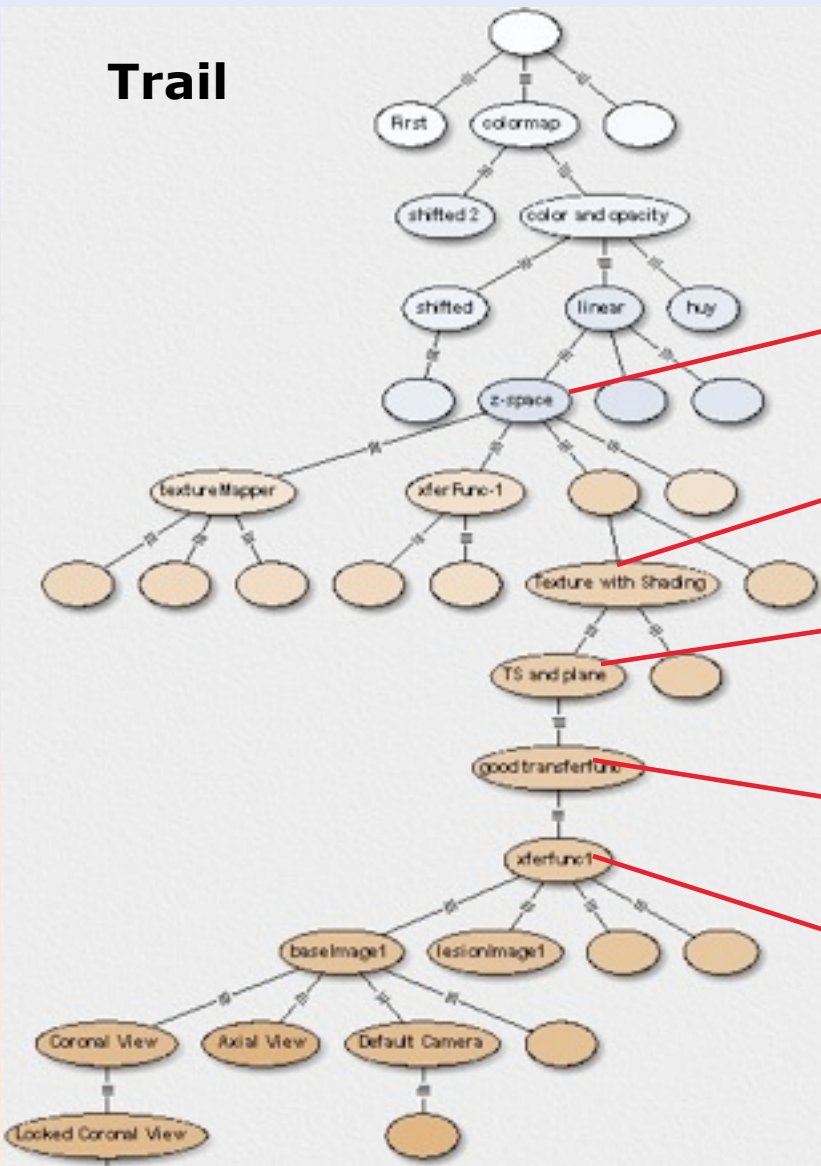
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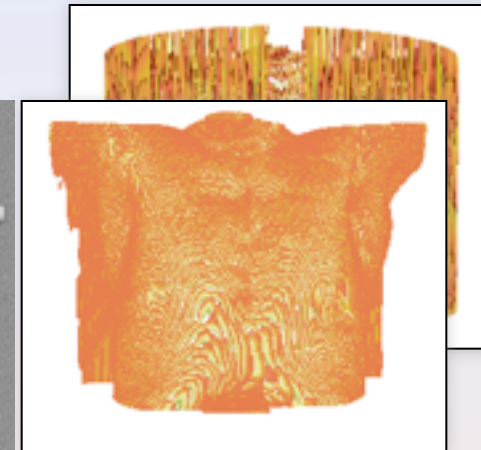
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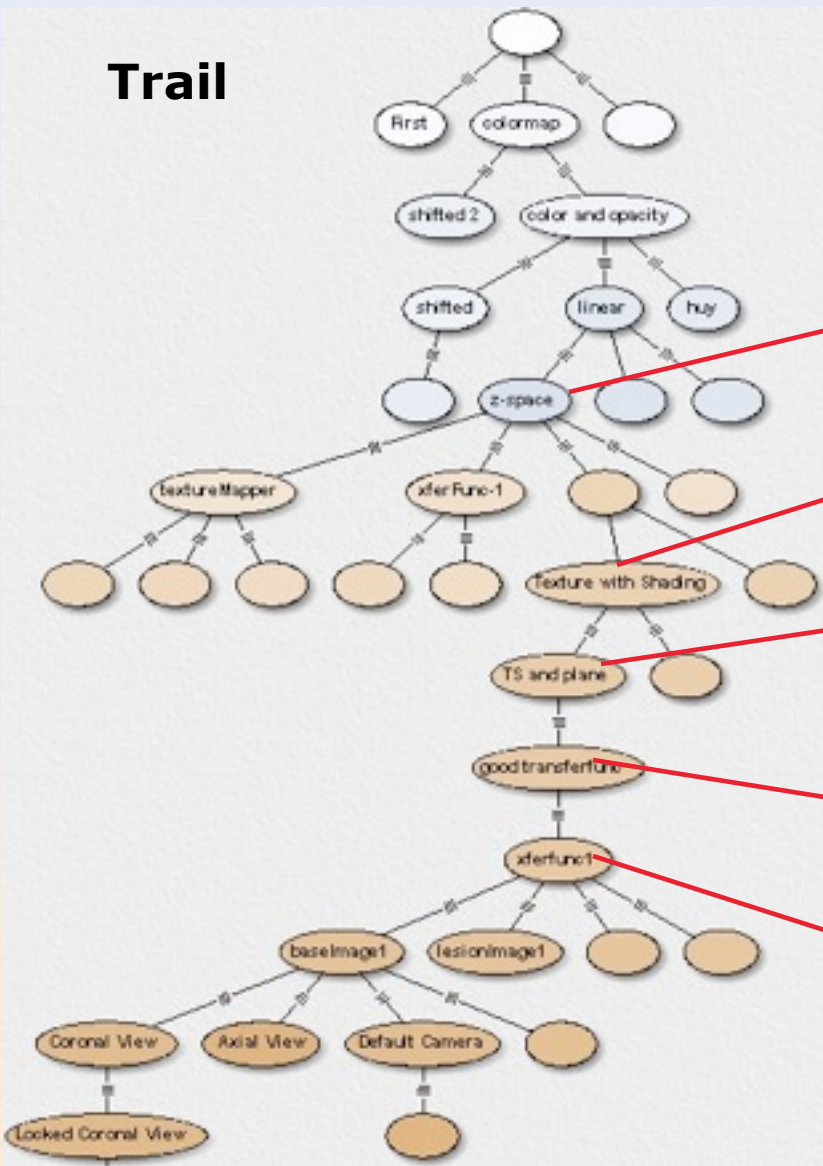
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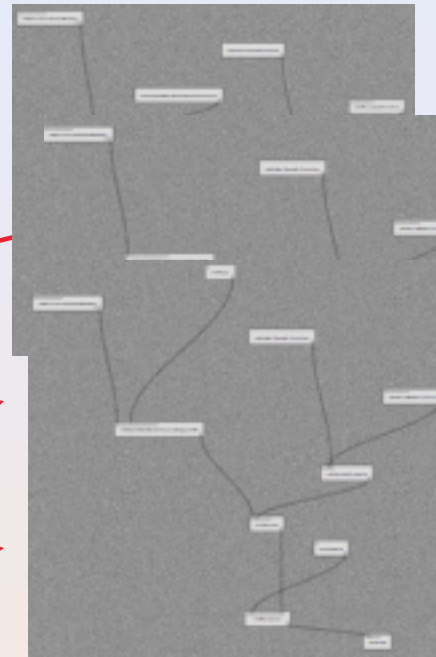


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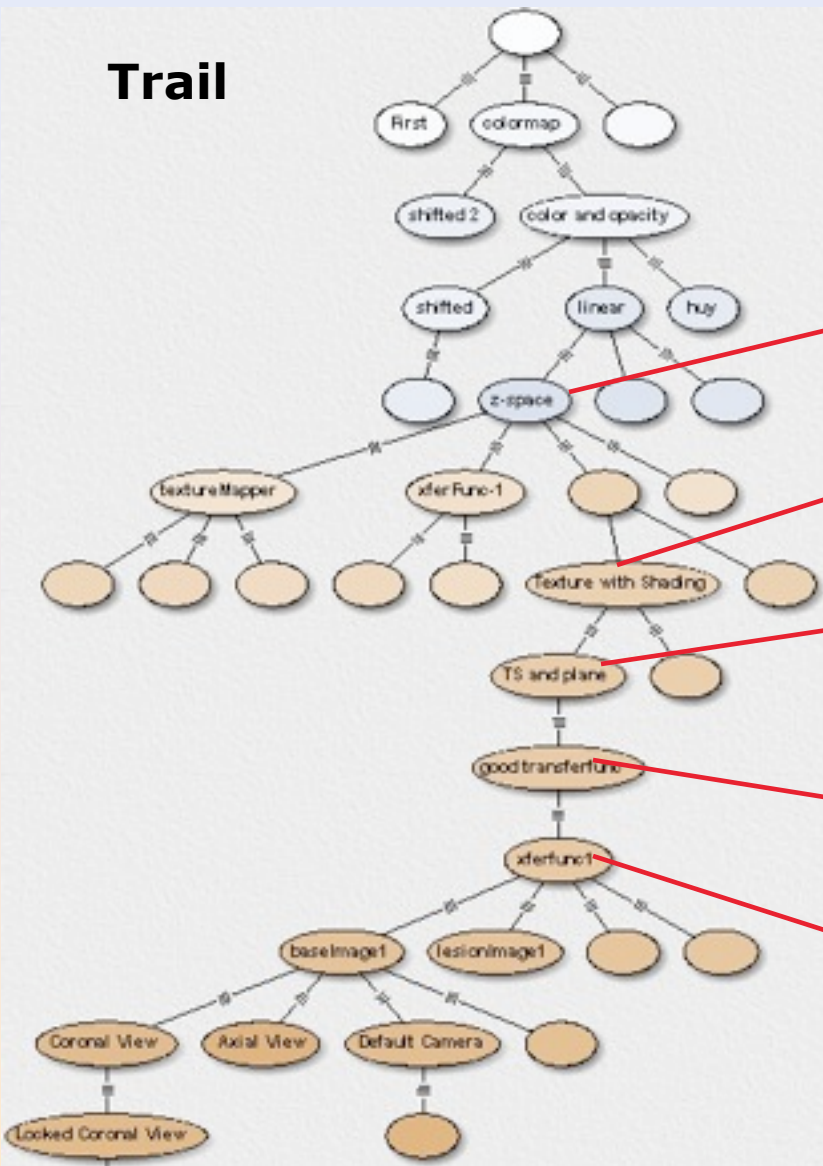


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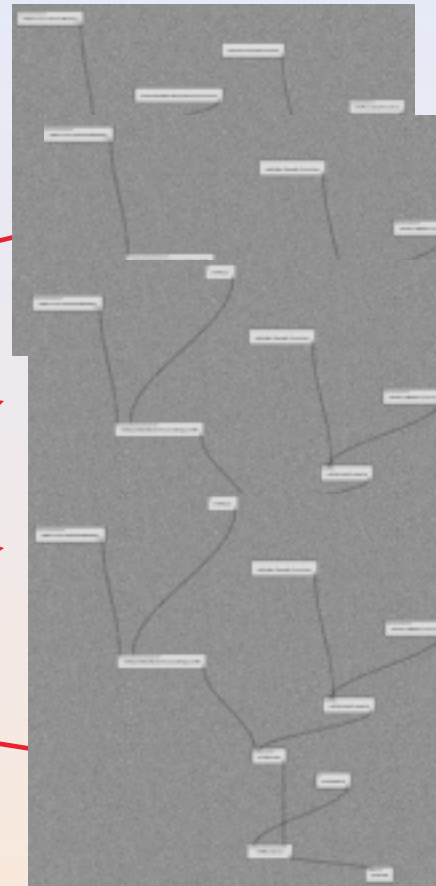


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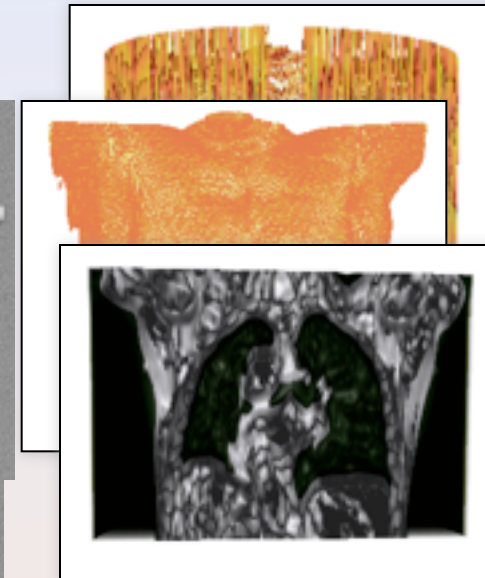
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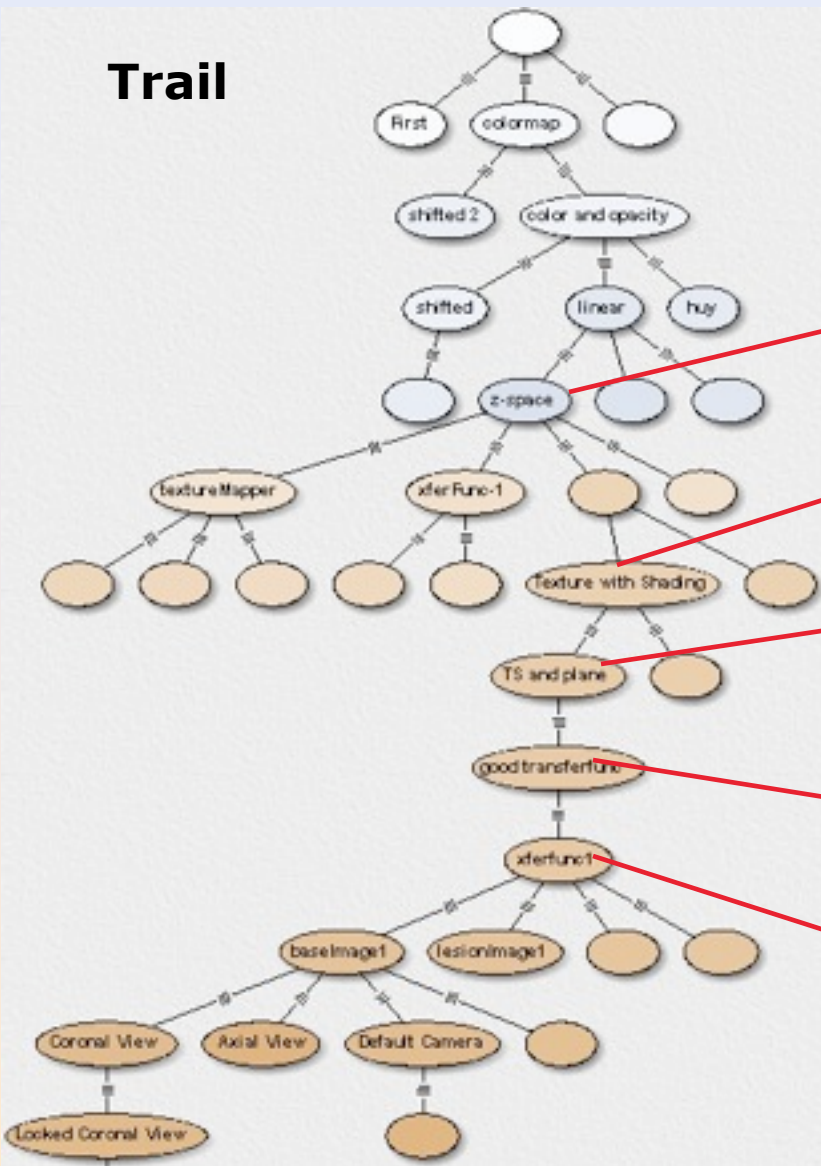


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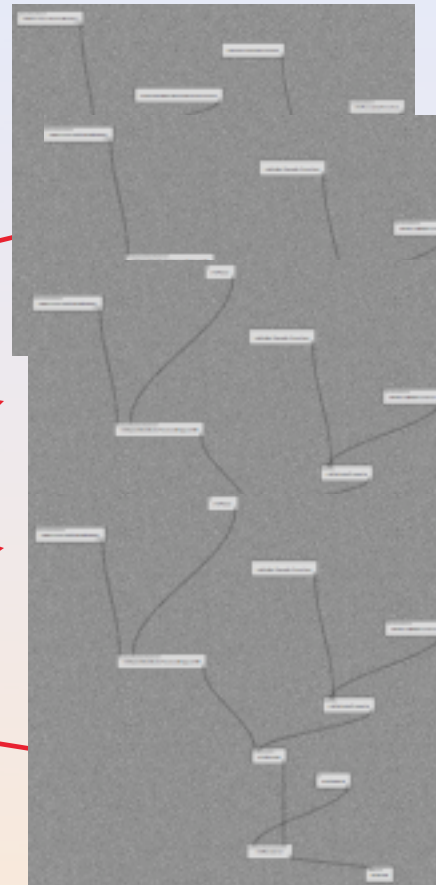


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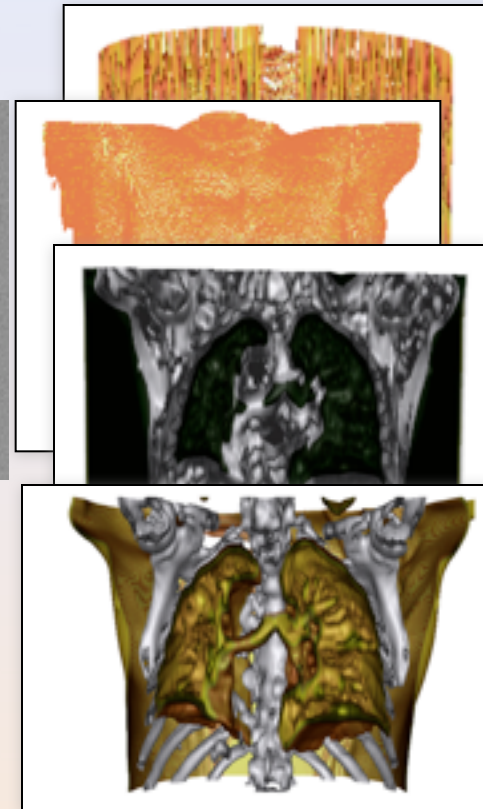
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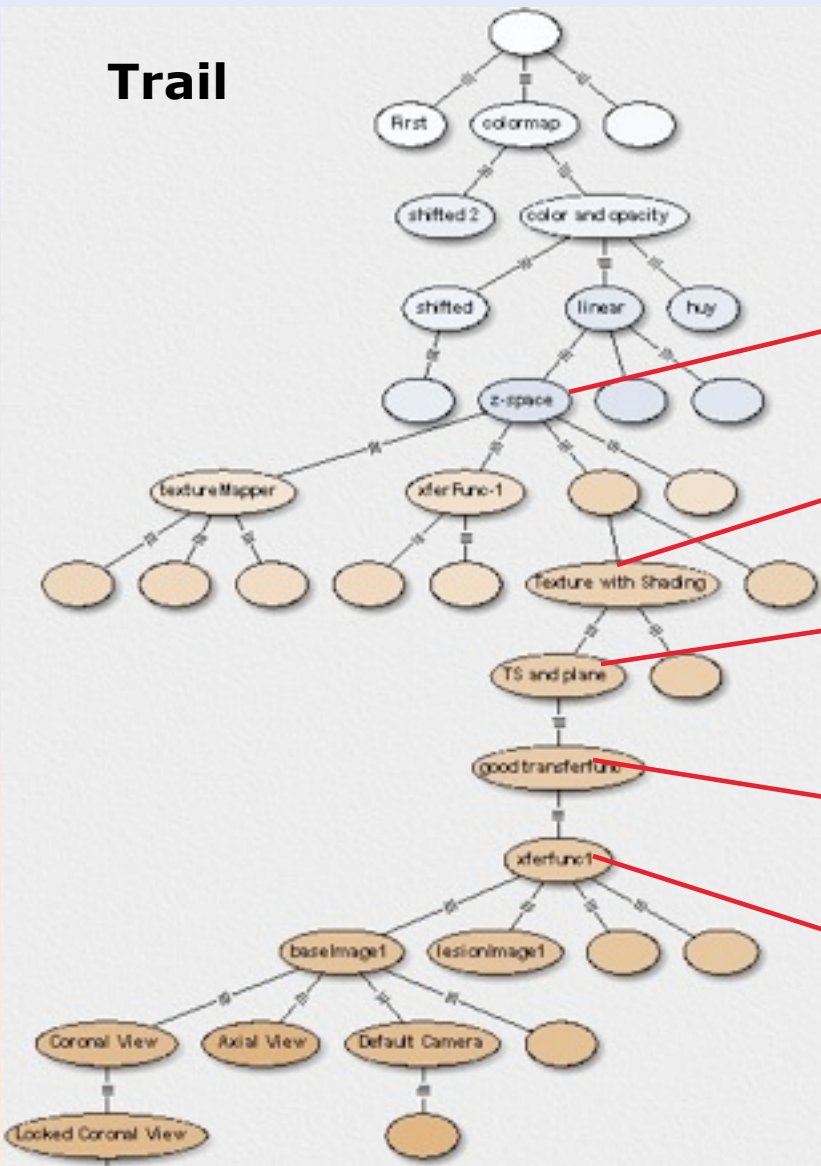
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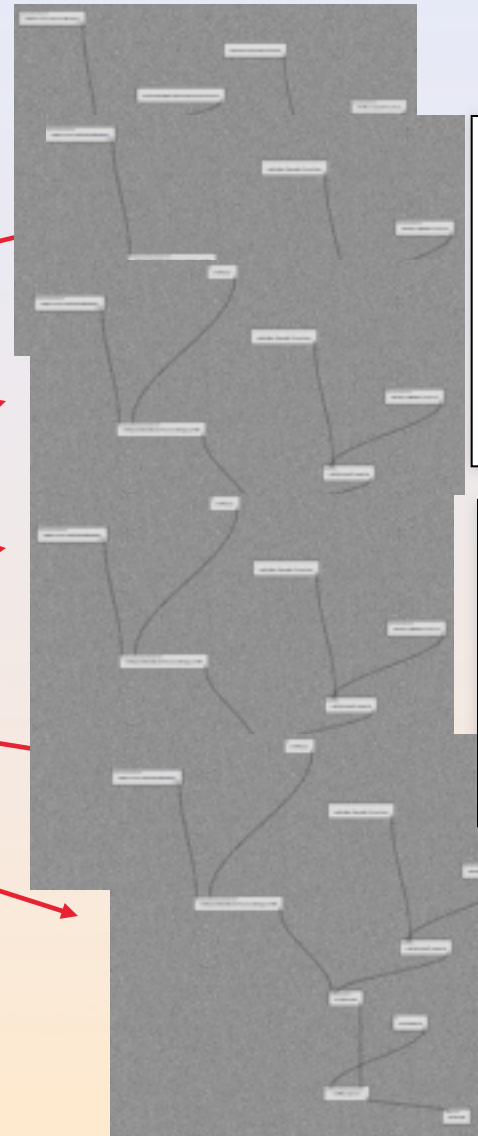


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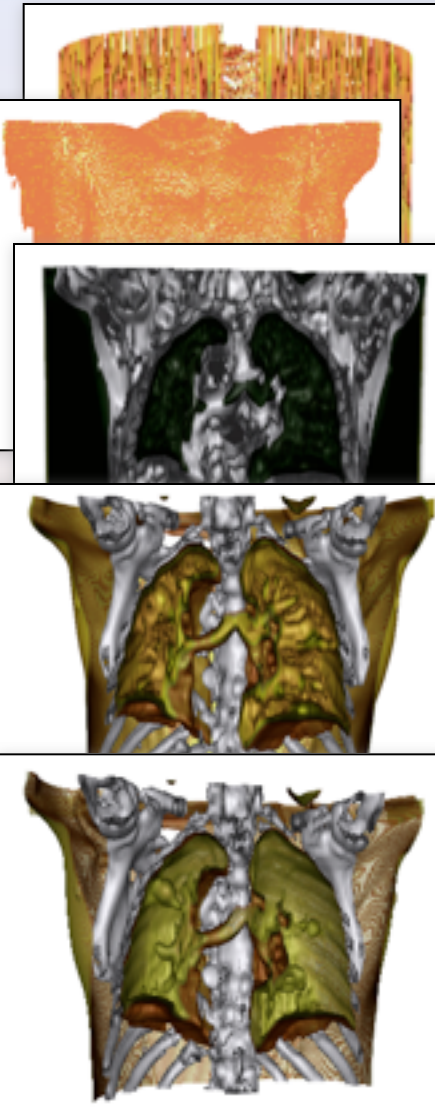
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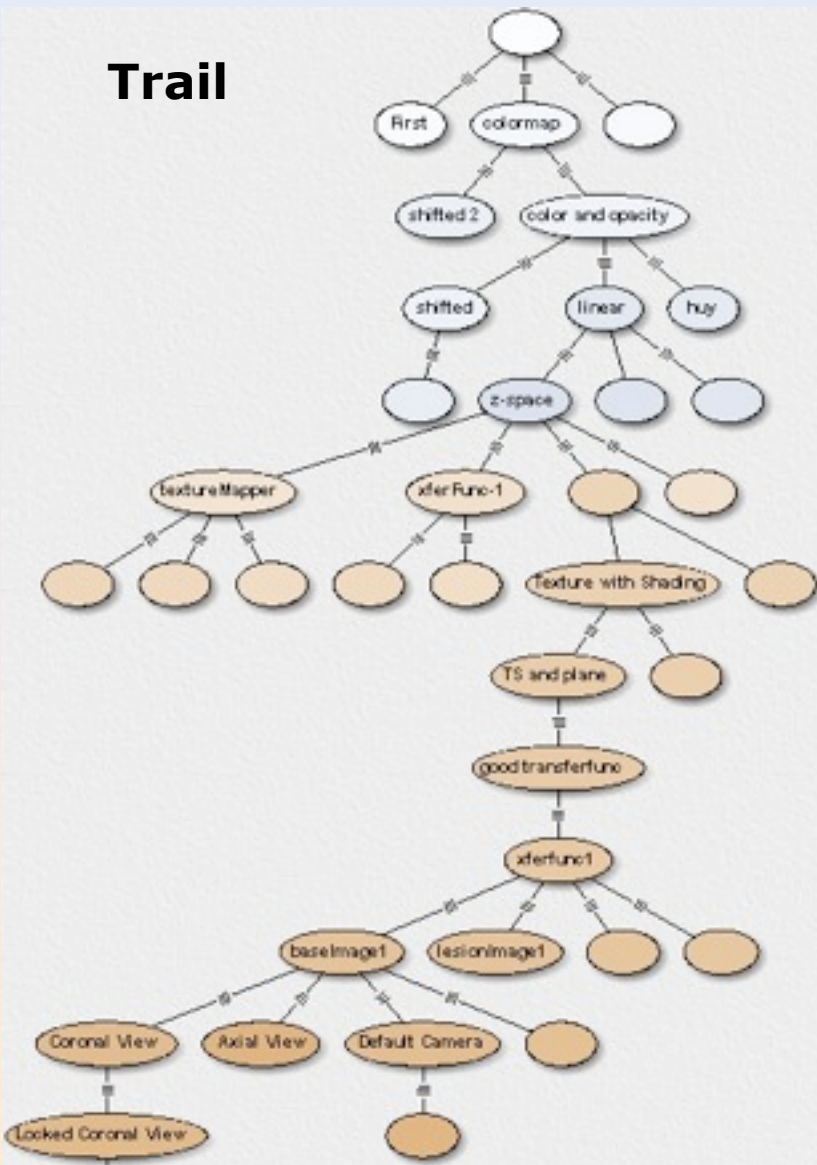


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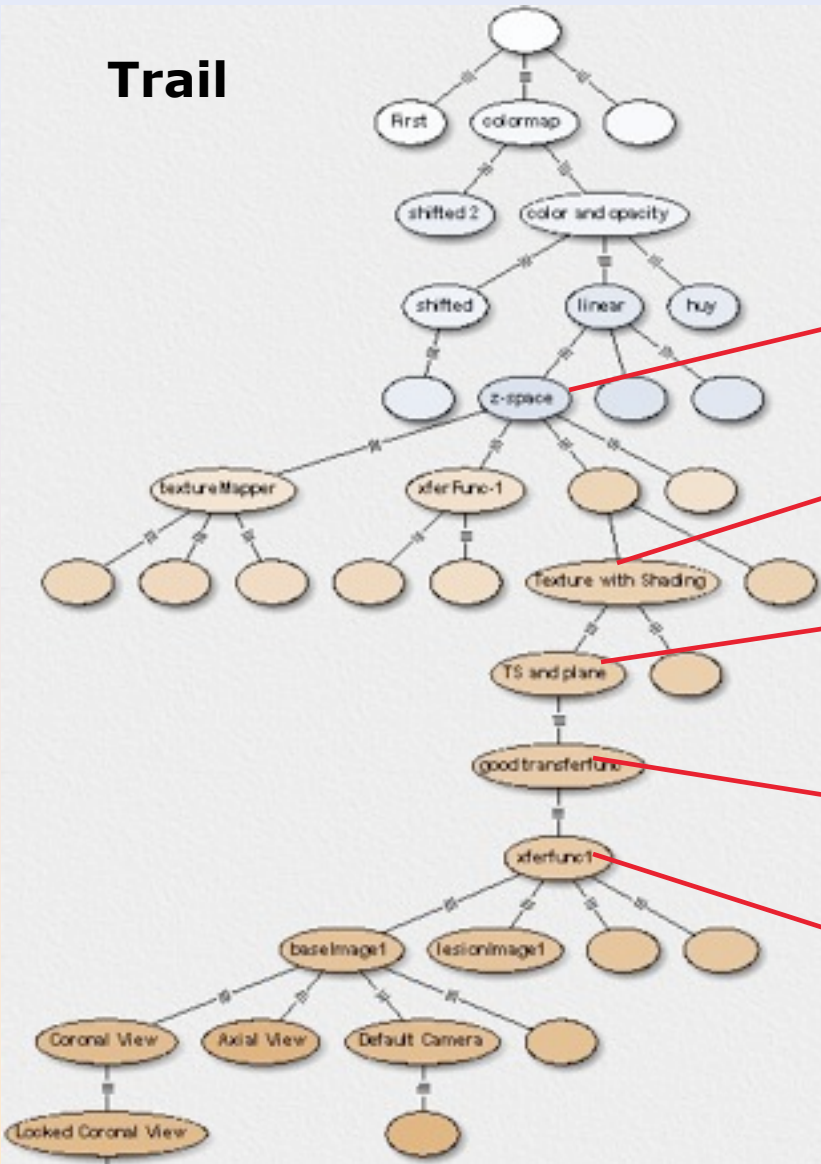
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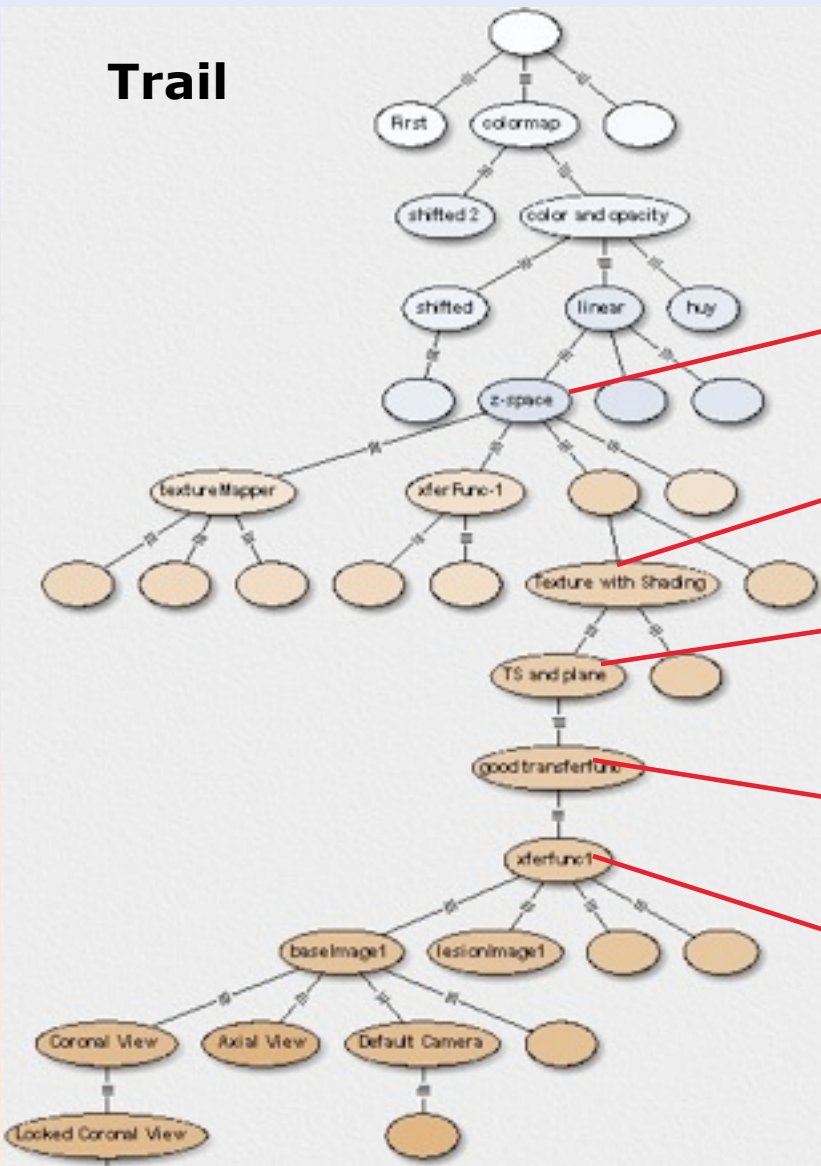
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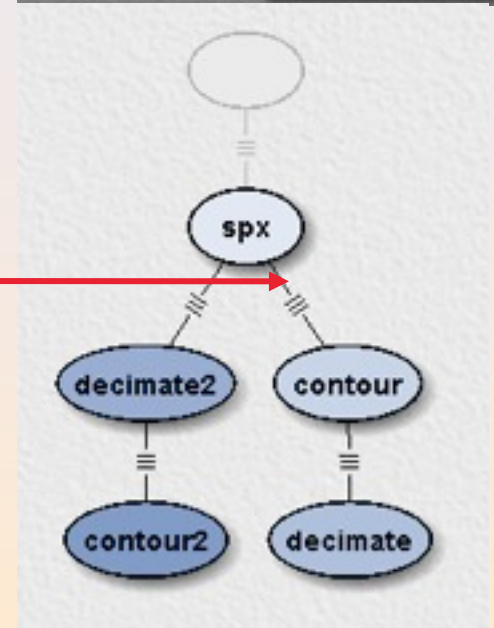
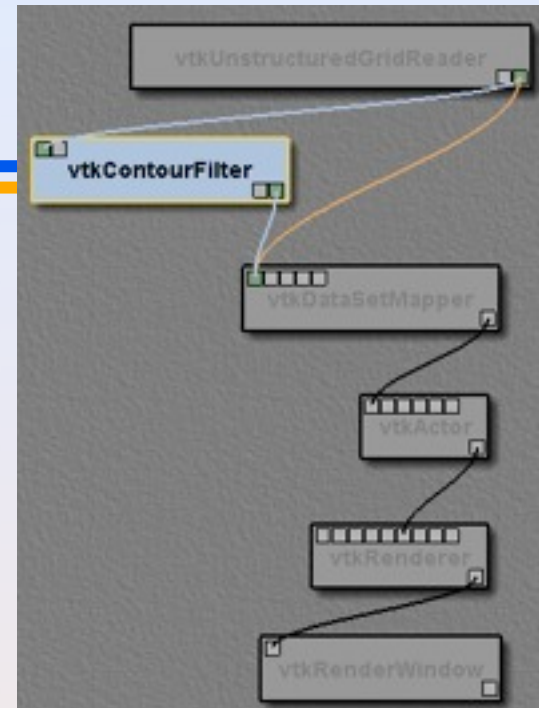
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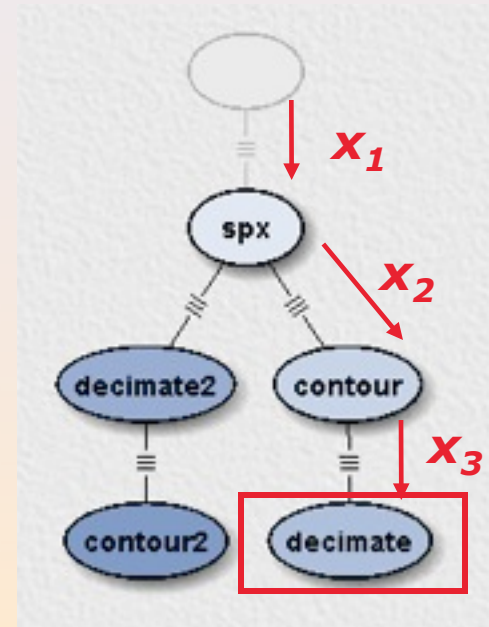
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$$V_t = X_n \circ X_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ X_1 \circ \emptyset$$

[Freire et al, IPAW 2006]

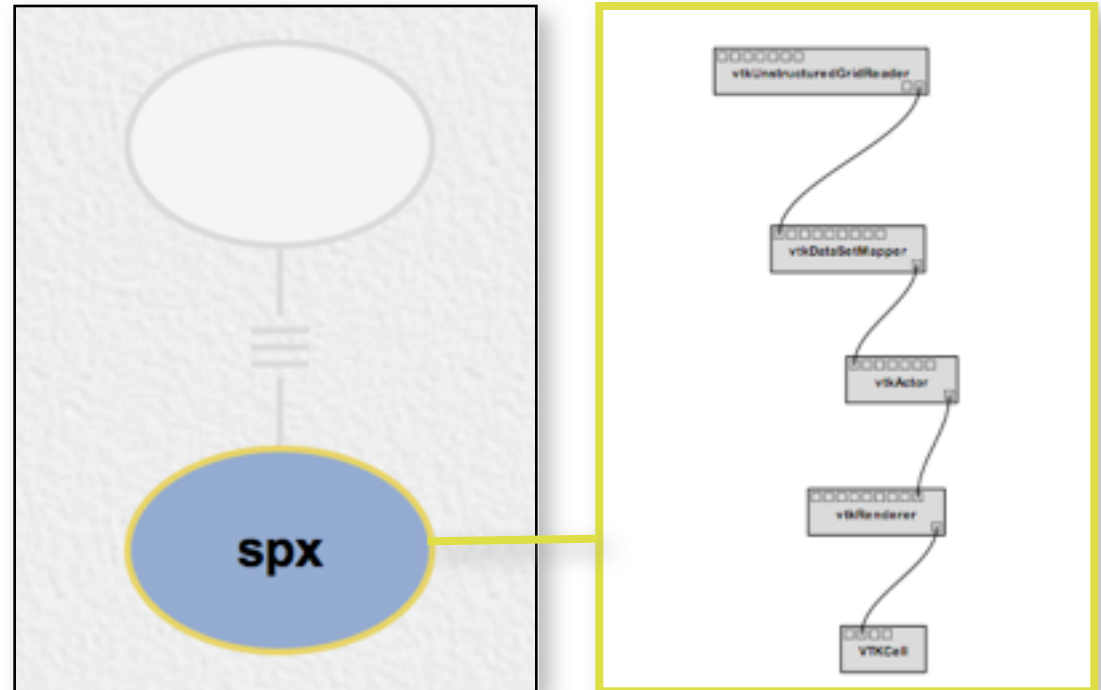
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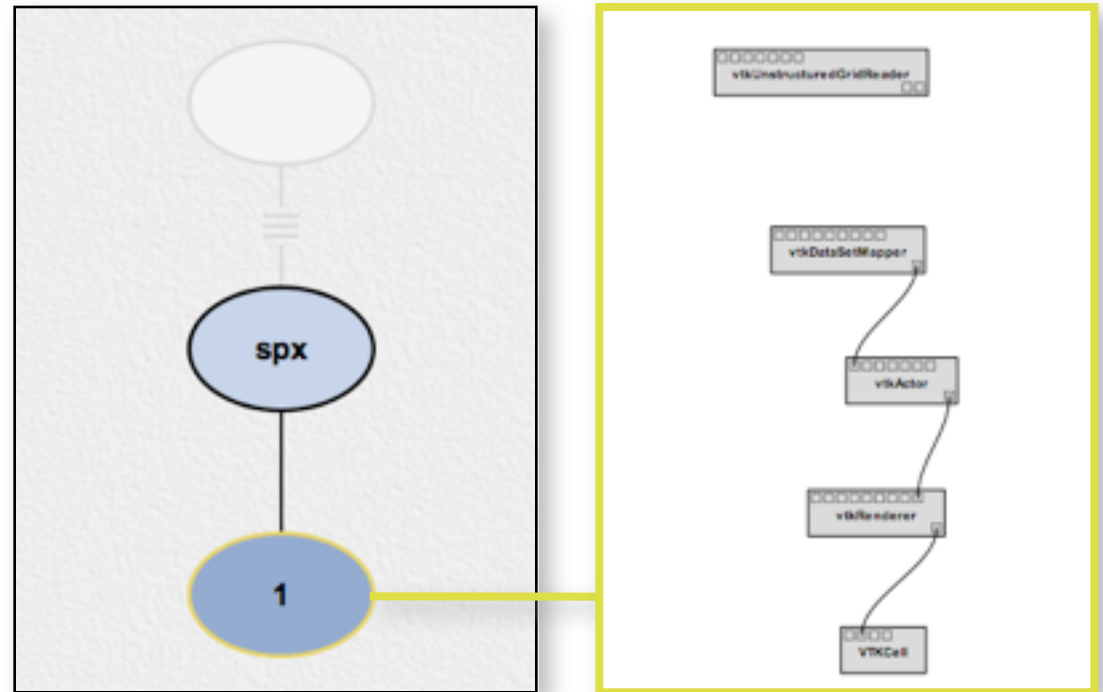
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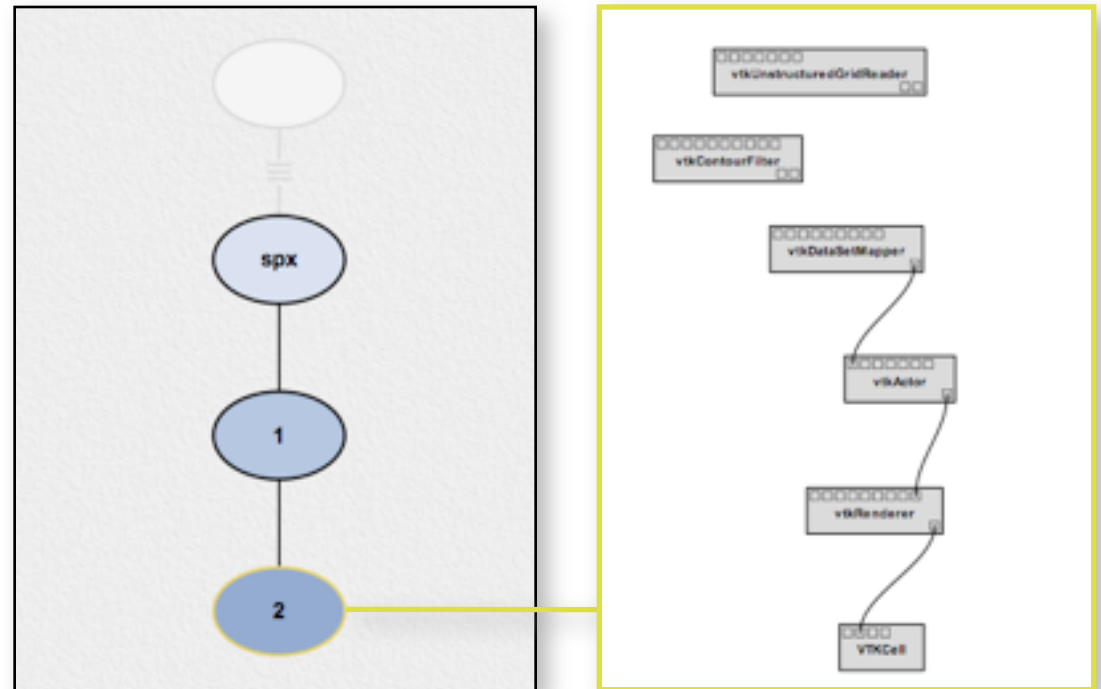
- nodes correspond to workflow versions
- edges correspond to actions that transform the parent into the child workflow



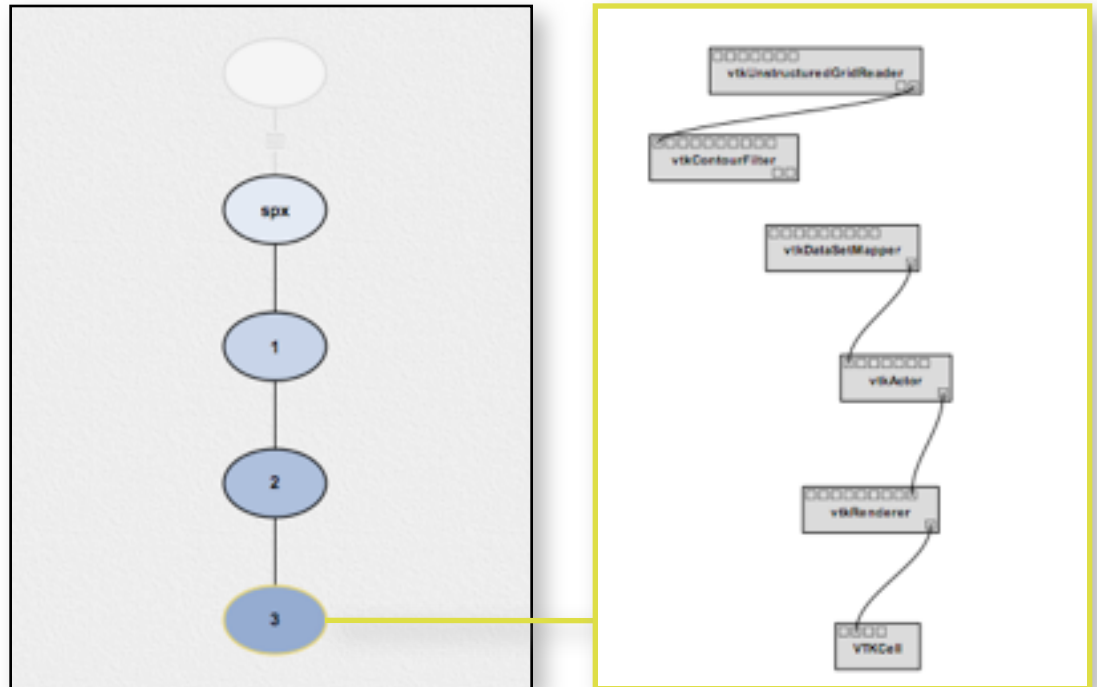
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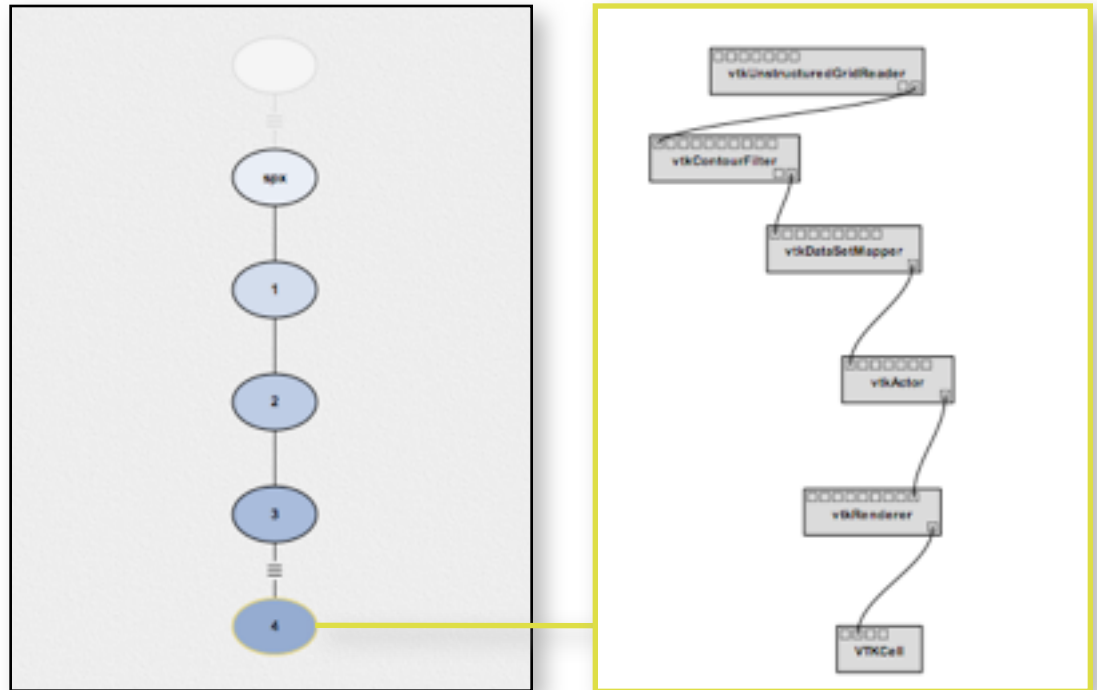


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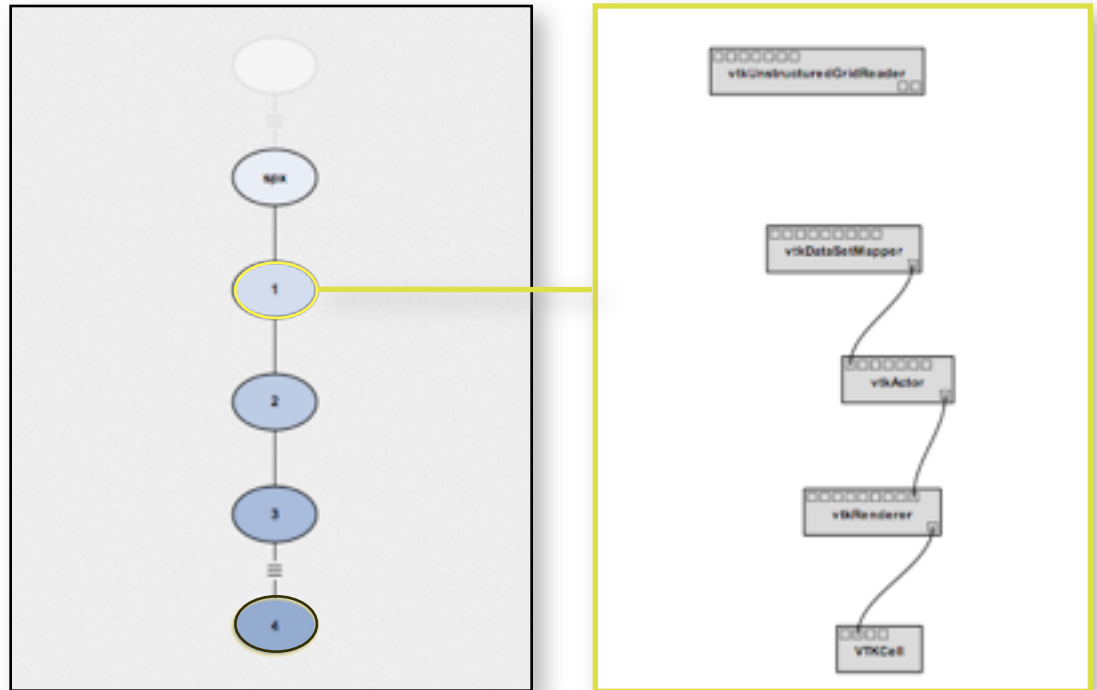




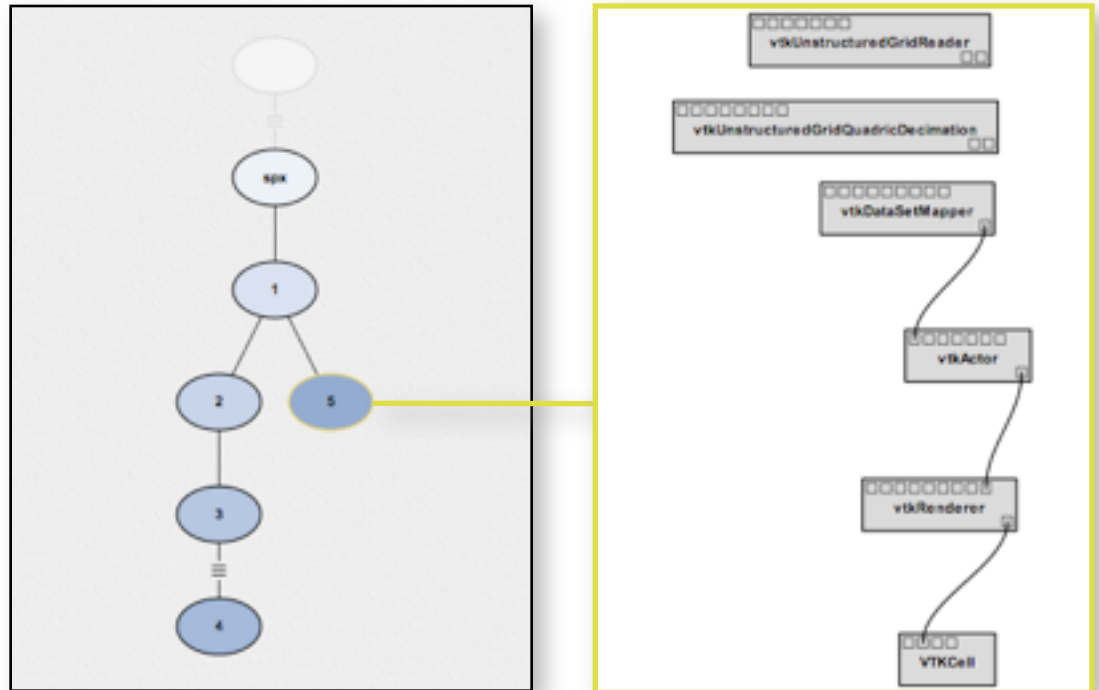
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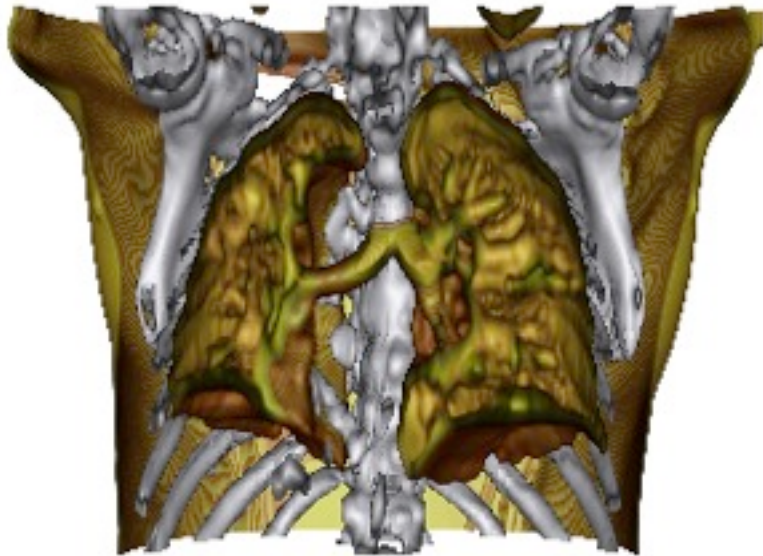
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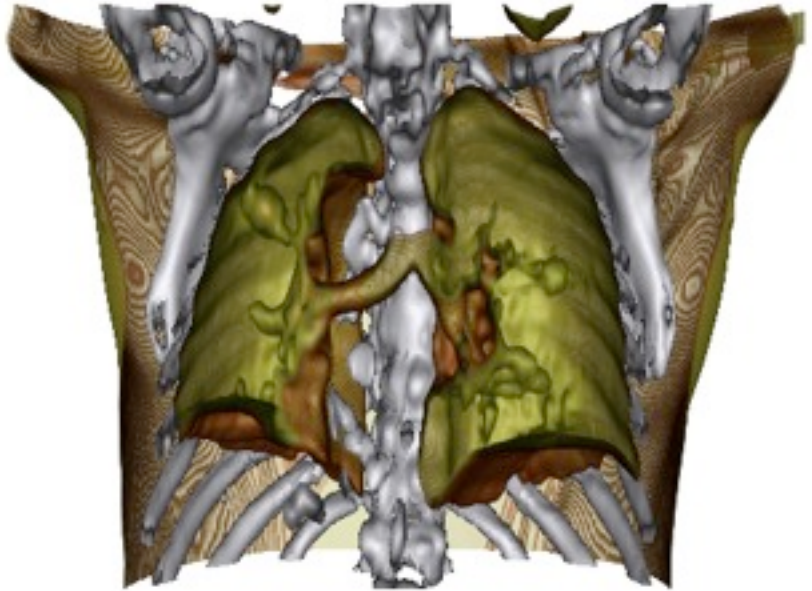
- ☒ General: Works with any system that has undo/redo!
- ☒ Concise representation
- ☒ Uniformly captures data and workflow provenance
  - Data provenance: where does a specific data product come from?
  - Workflow evolution: how has workflow structure changed over time?
- ☒ Detailed information about the exploration process
  - Results can be reproduced
- ☒ Provenance beyond reproducibility:
  - Scientists can return to any point in the exploration space
  - Enables scalable exploration of the parameter space (and compare results using a spreadsheet)
  - Support for collaboration
  - Understand problem-solving strategies—knowledge re-use

# What's the difference?

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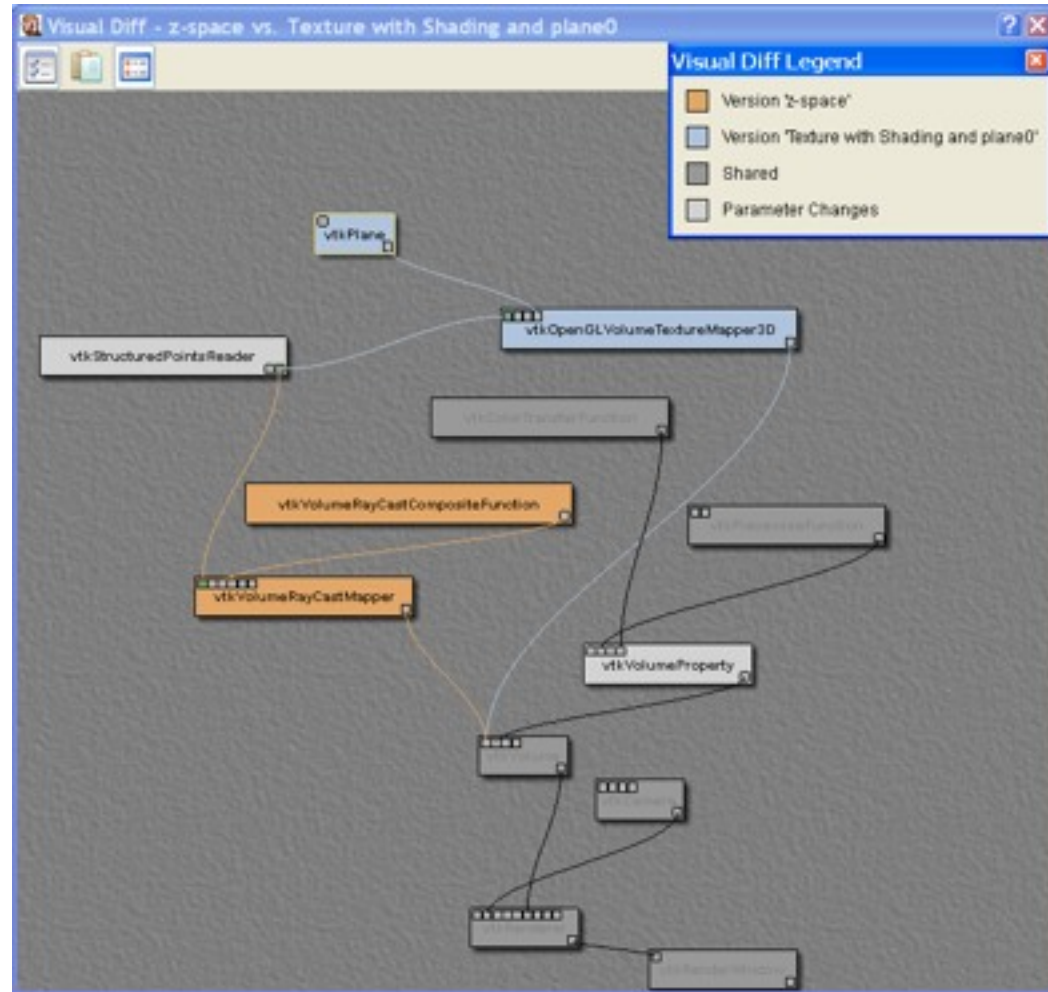


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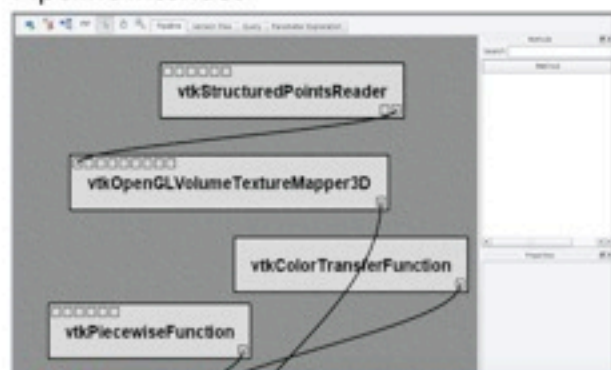
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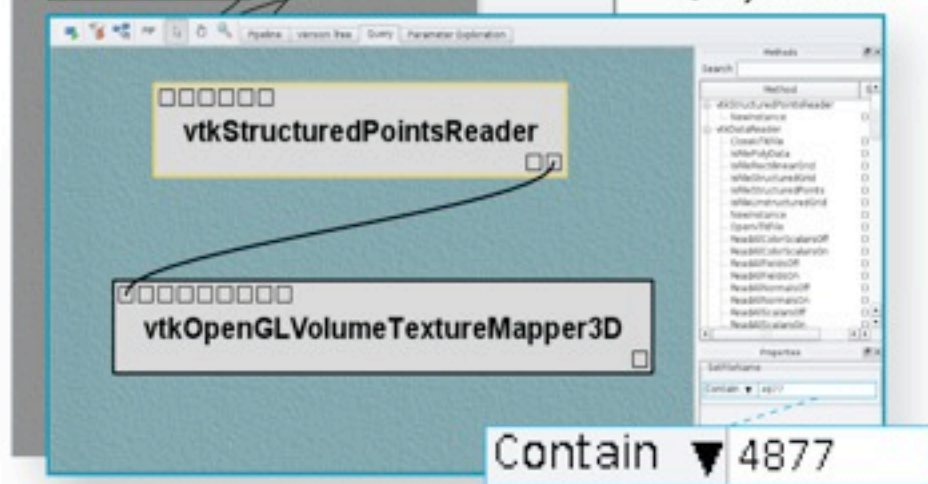


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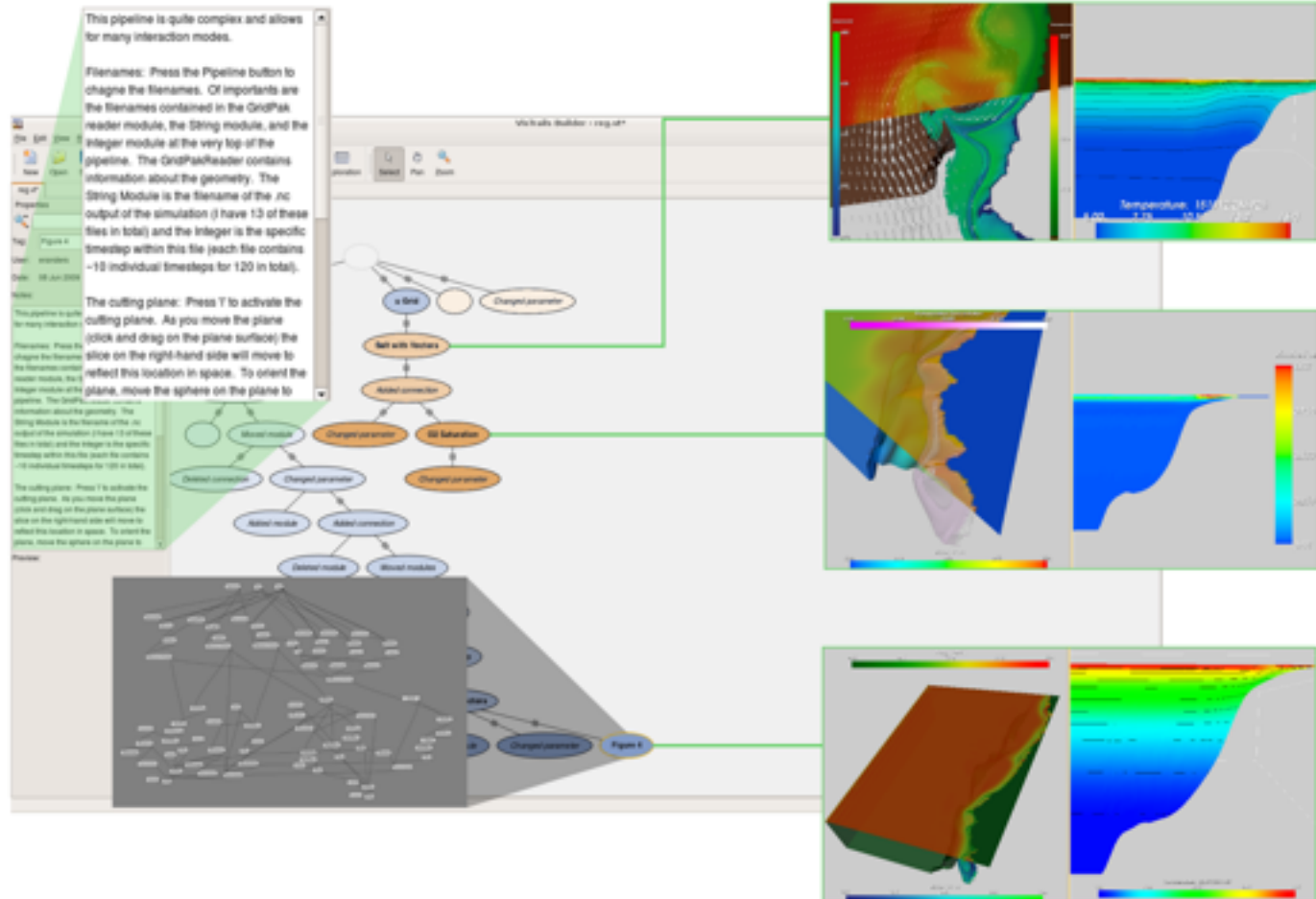
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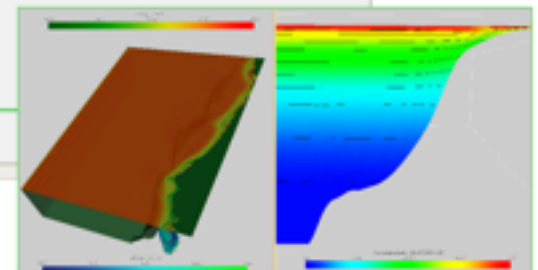
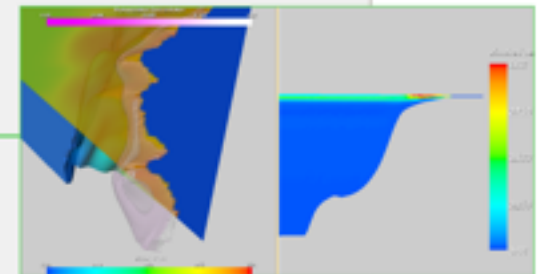
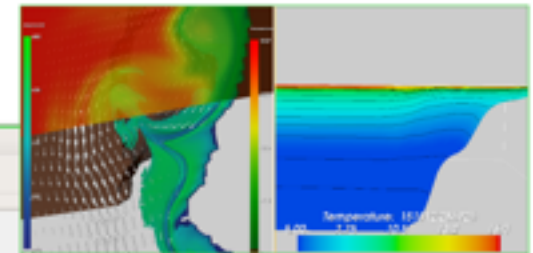
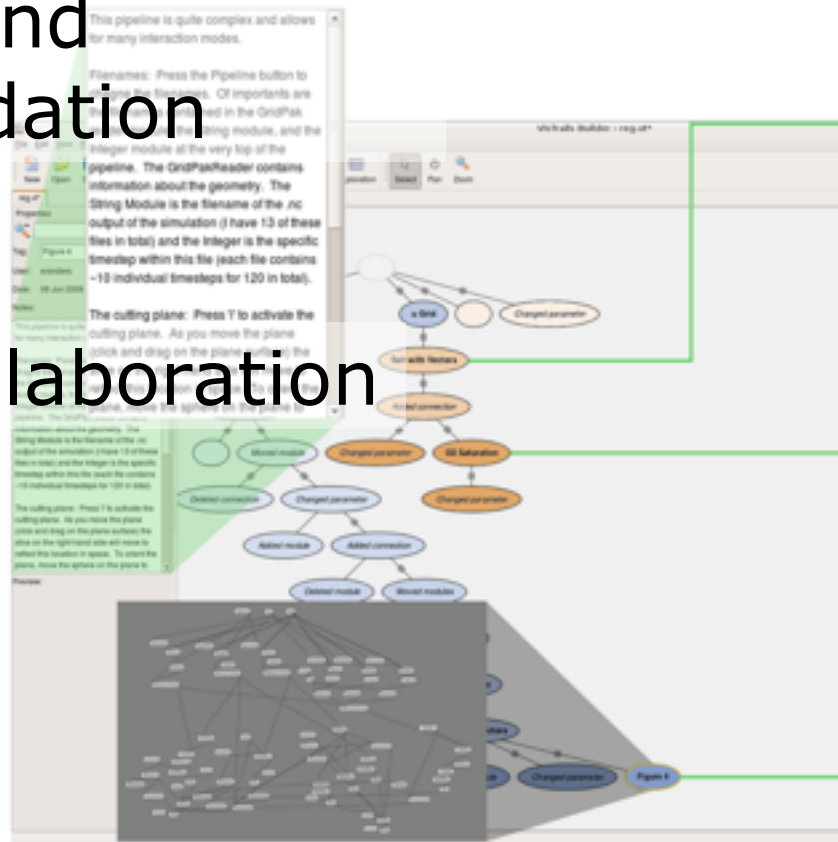




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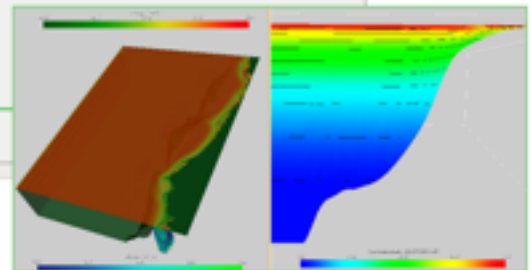
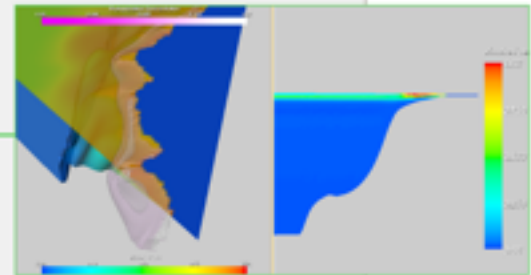
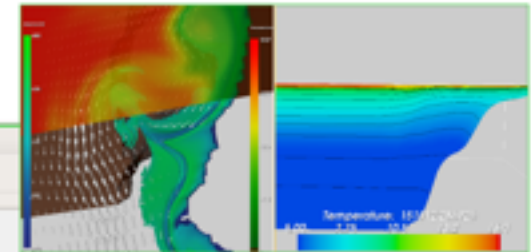
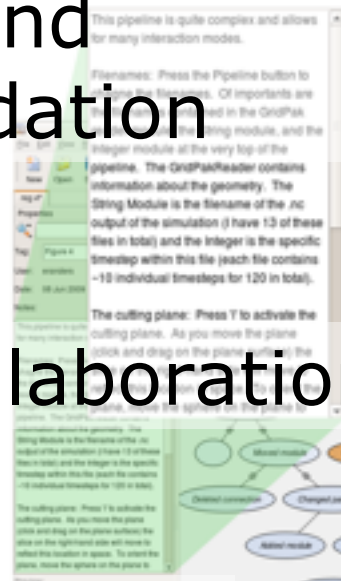


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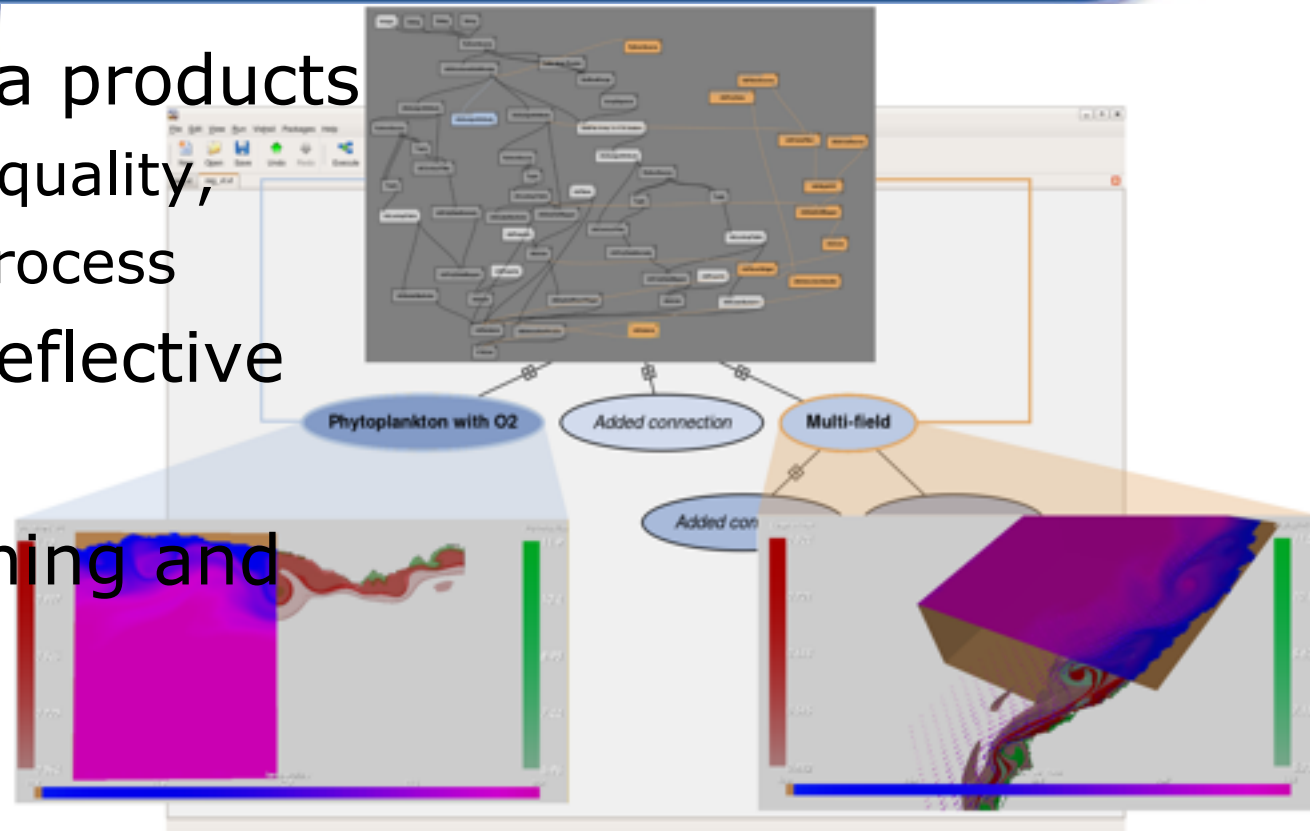
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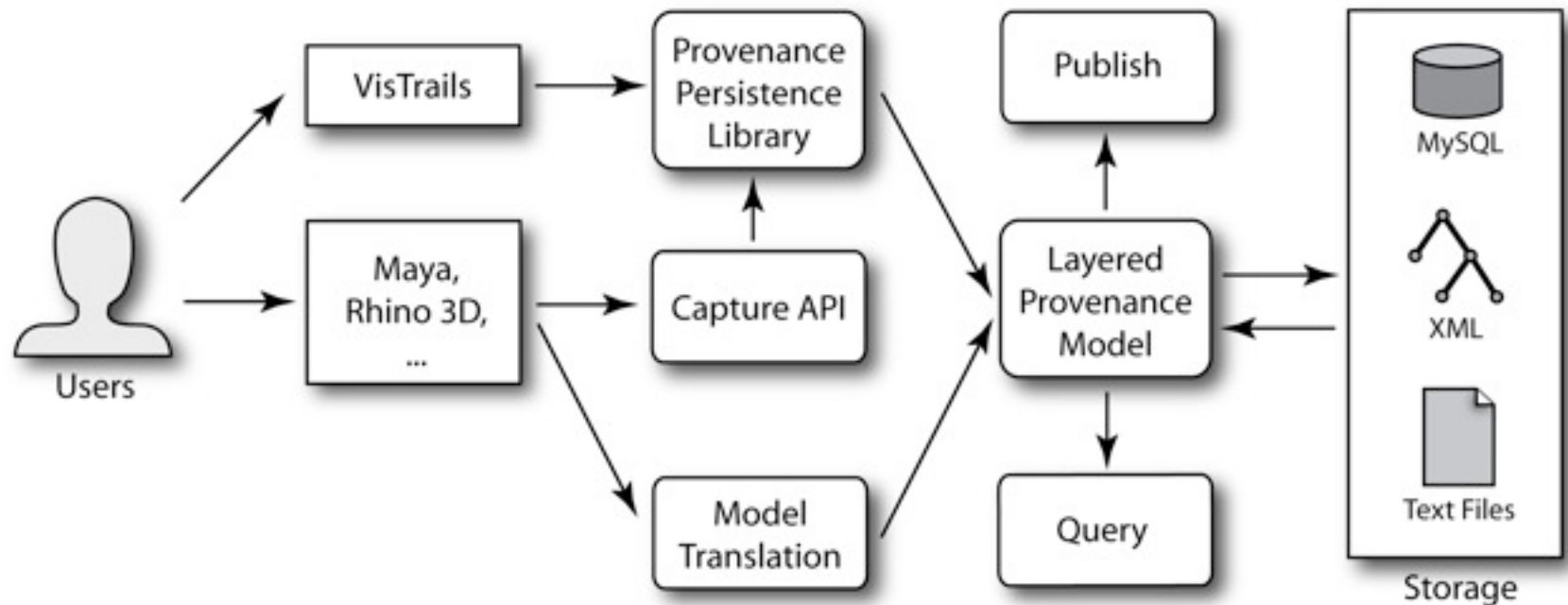


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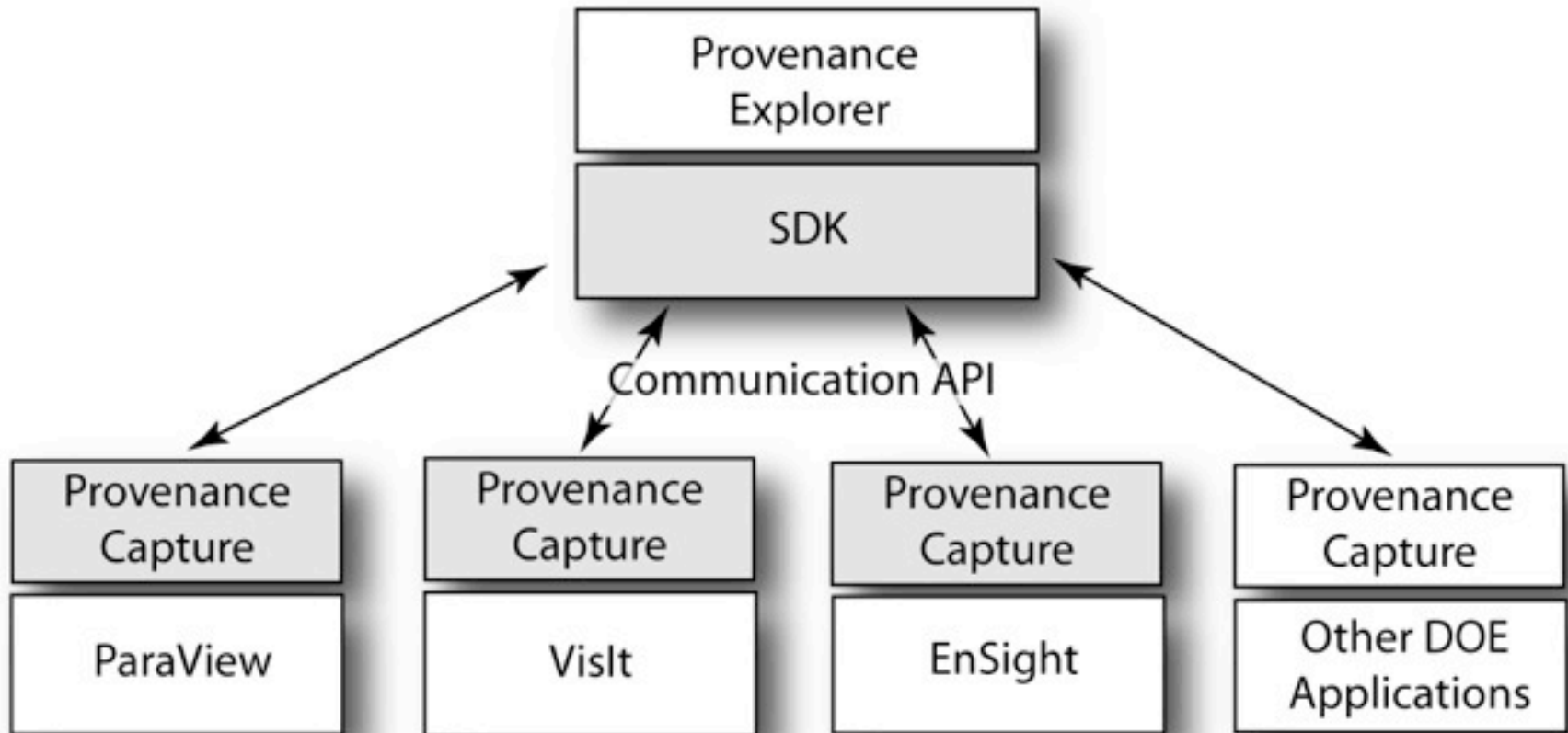
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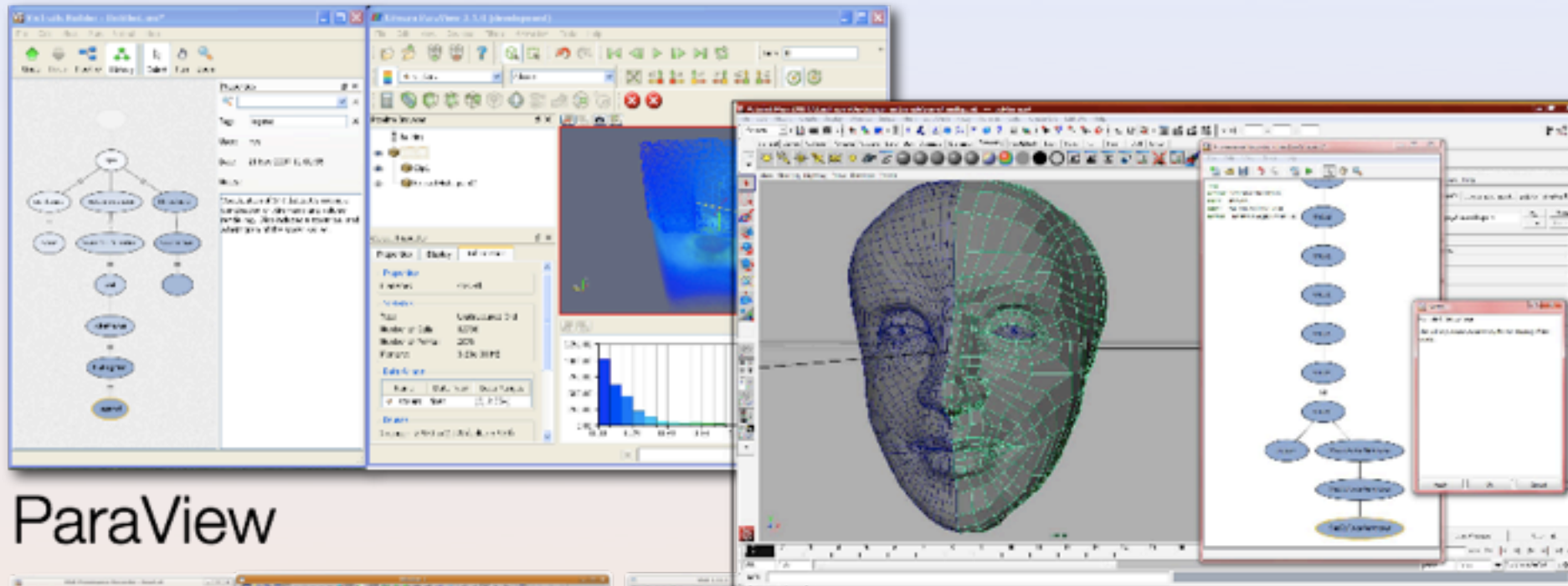


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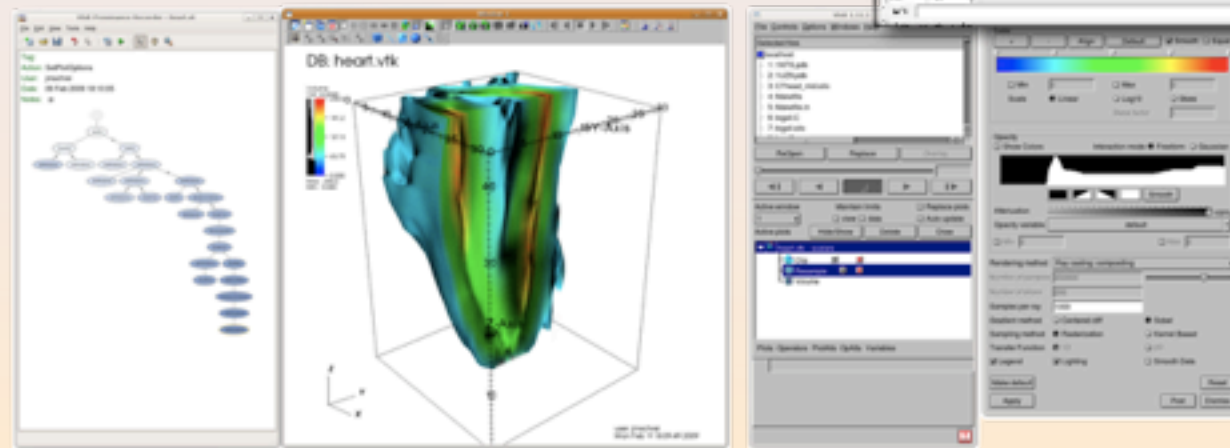
# Provenance “Plug-ins”



# Provenance Enabling Tools



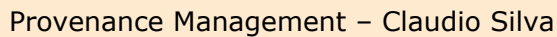
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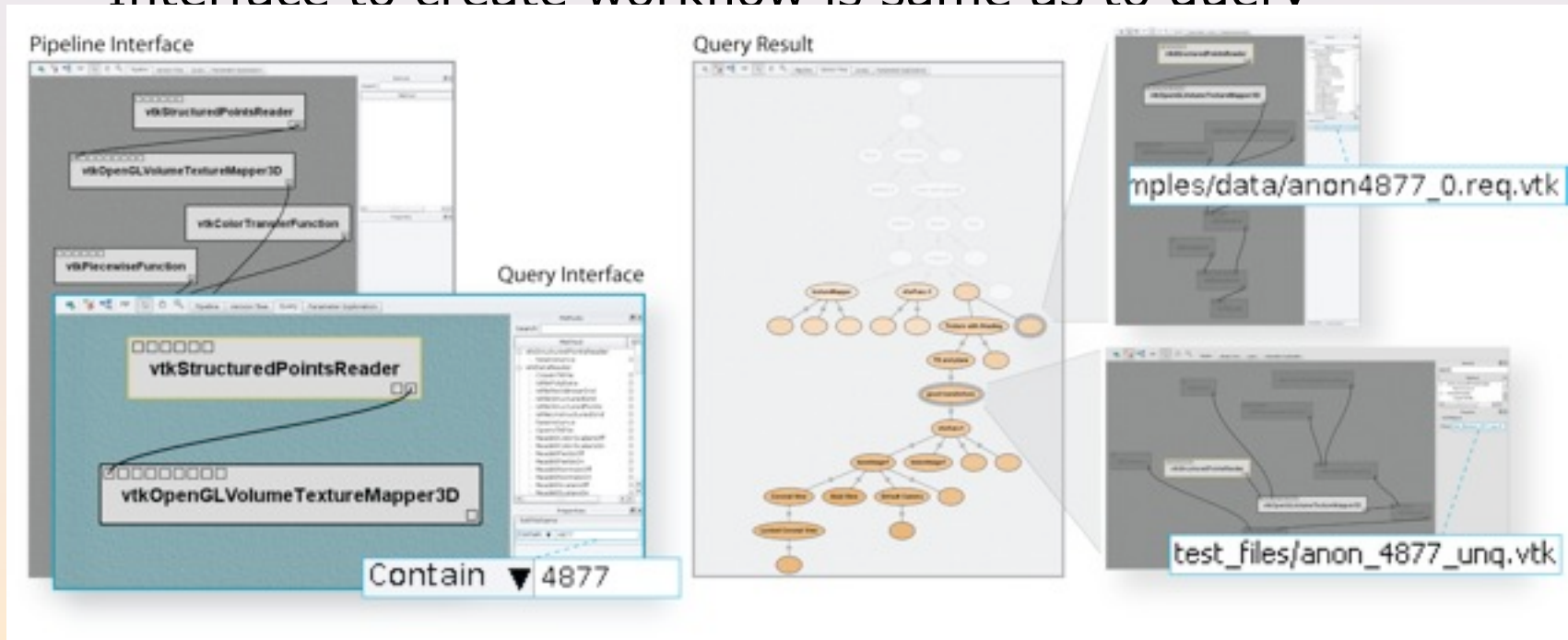


# Sample of Ongoing Work

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# Querying Workflows by Example

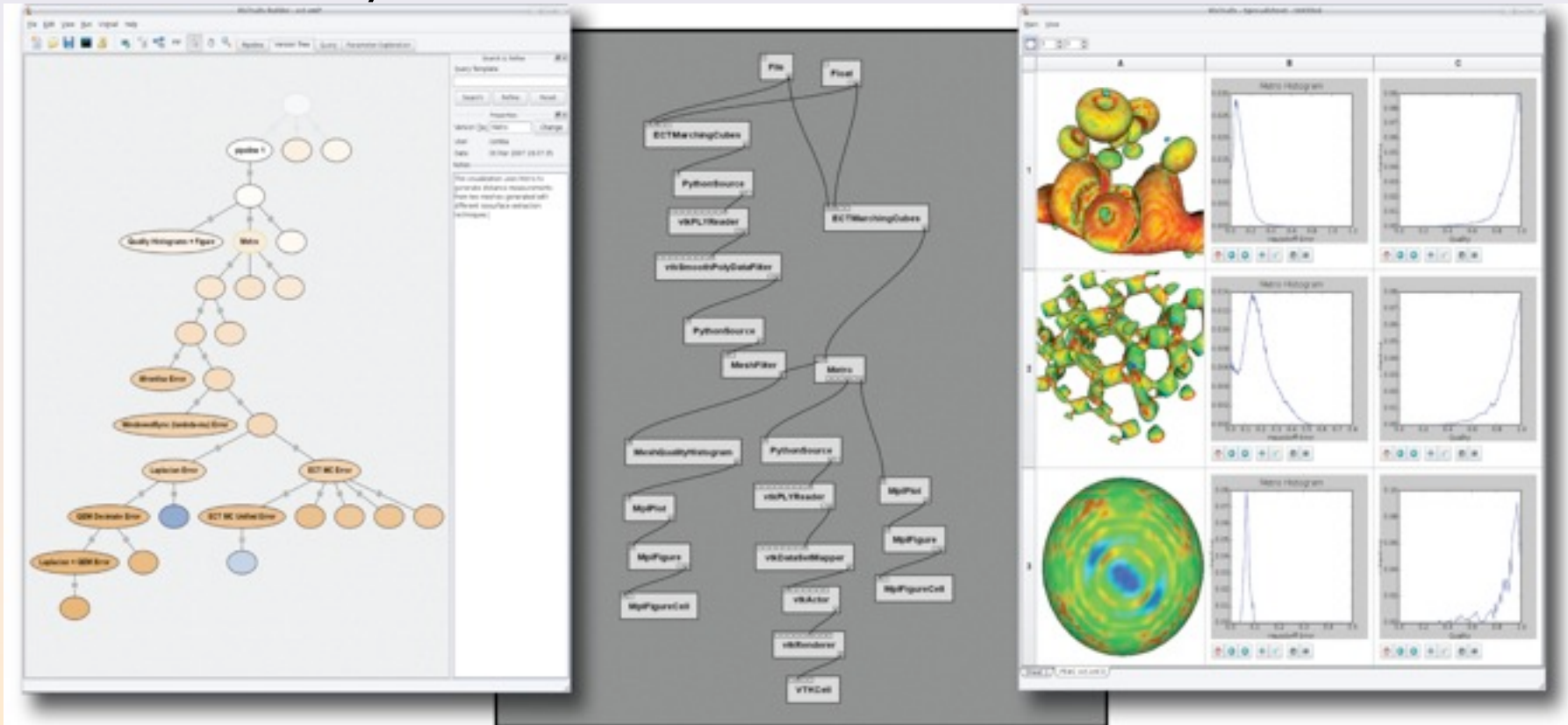
- ❏ Workflows are graphs: hard to specify queries using text!
- ❏ Querying workflows by example [Scheidegger et al., TVCG 2007; Beeri et al., VLDB 2006; Beeri et al. VLDB 2007]
  - WYSIWYQ -- What You See Is What You Query
  - Interface to create workflow is same as to query



# Creating Workflows

## Complex workflows are hard to create

- Programming expertise
- Domain knowledge
- Familiarity with different tools

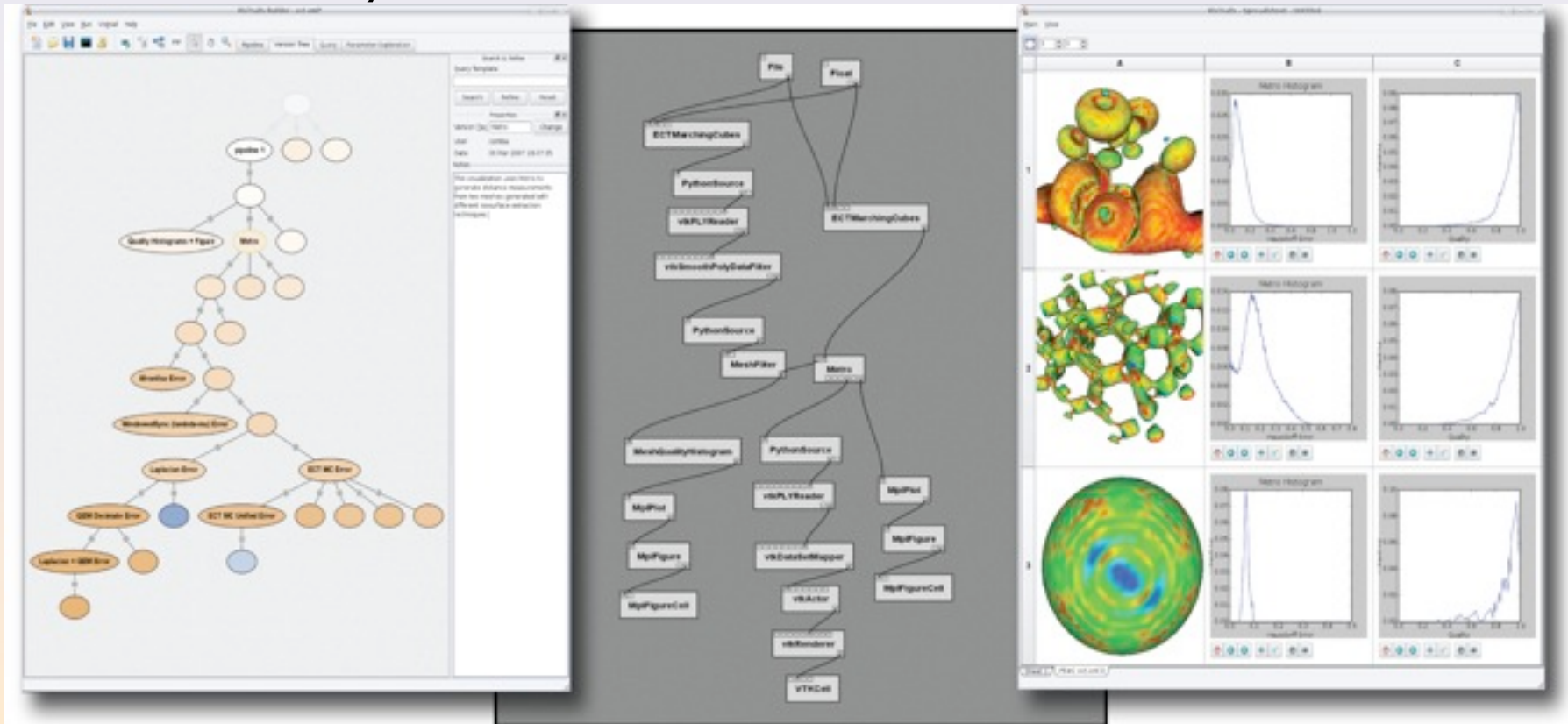


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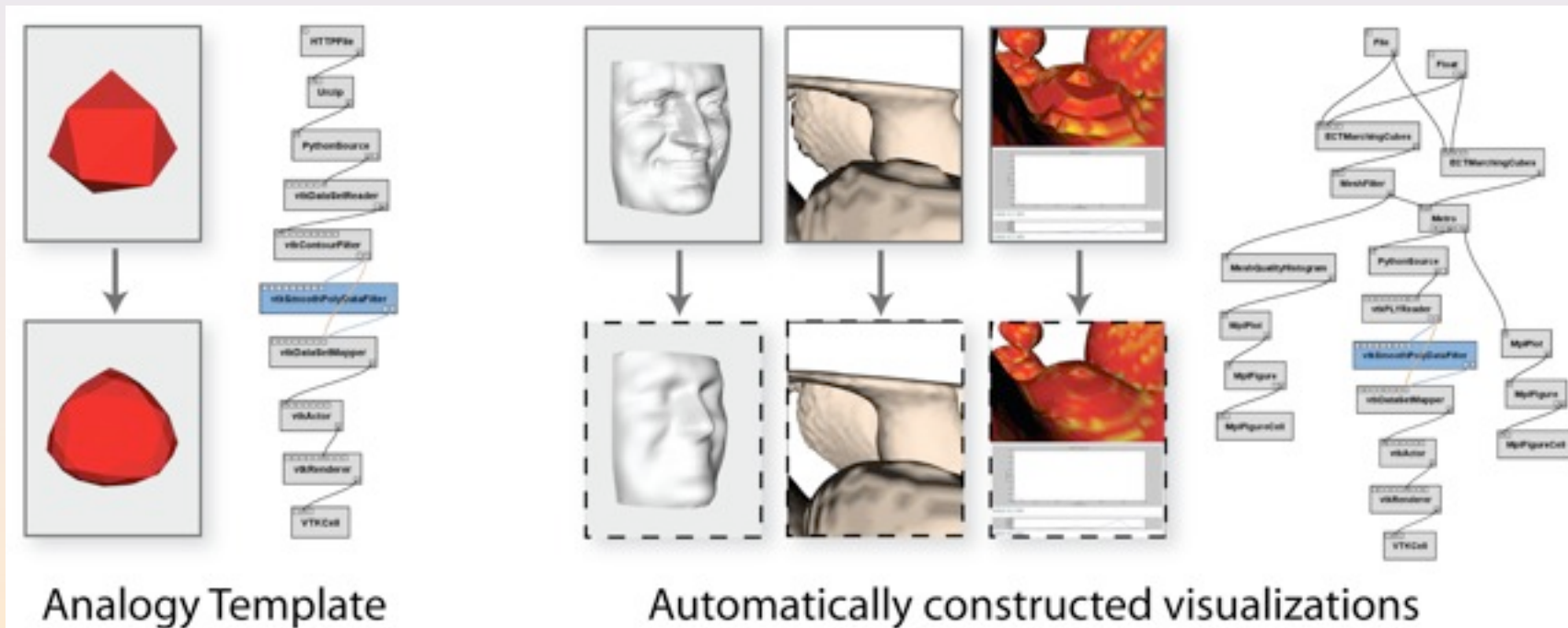
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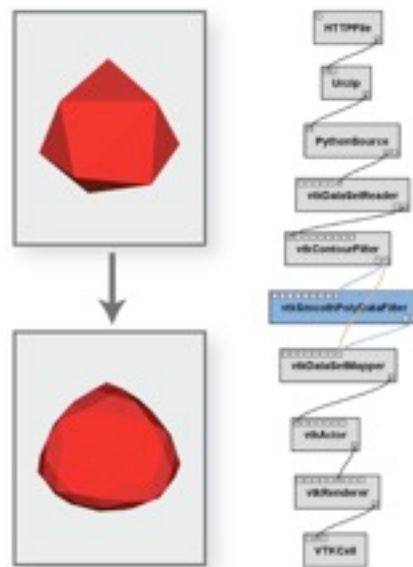
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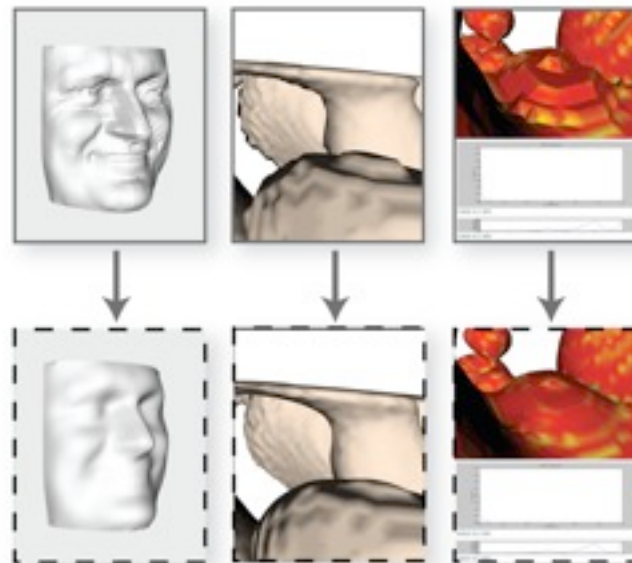
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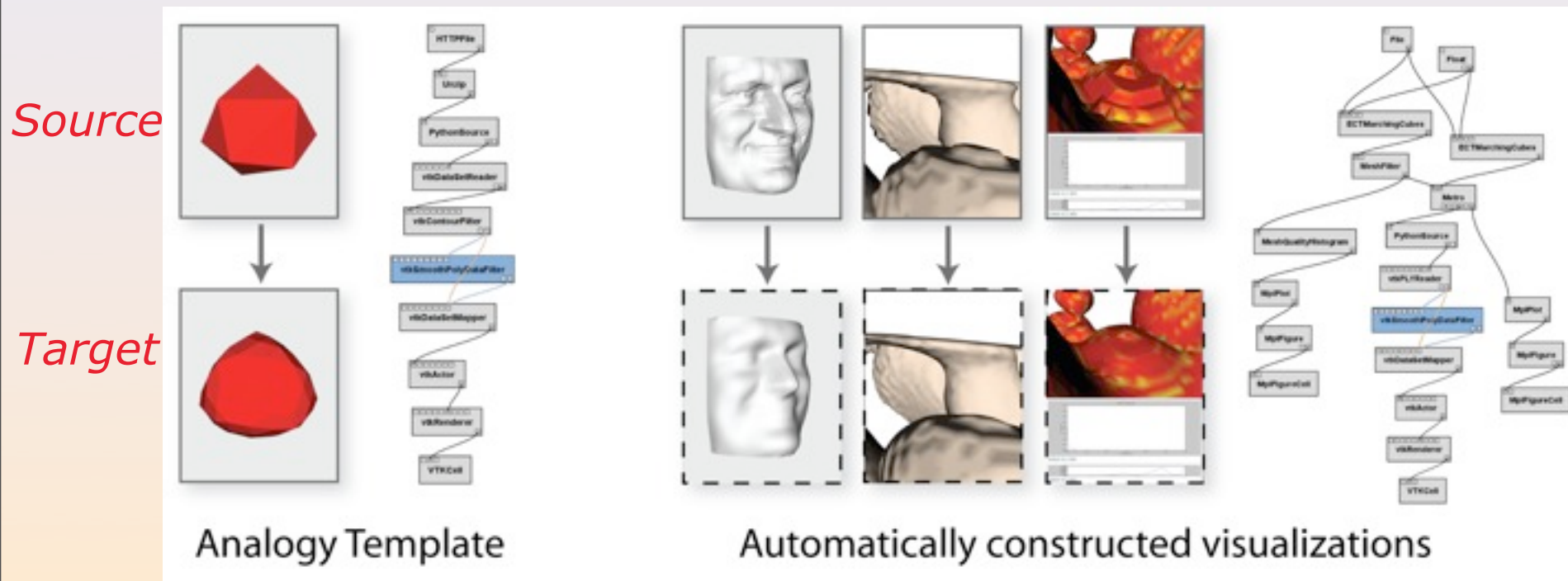
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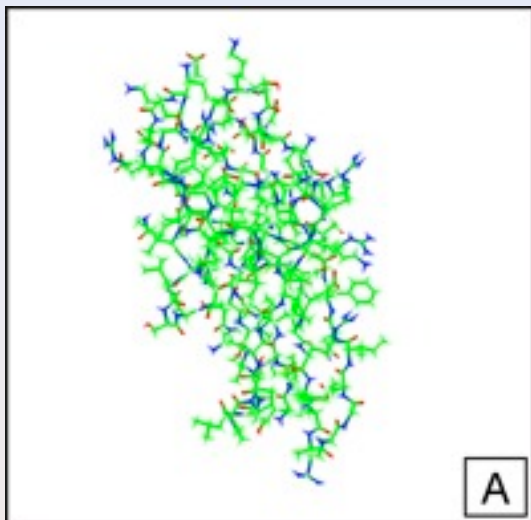


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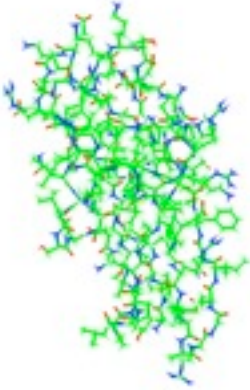


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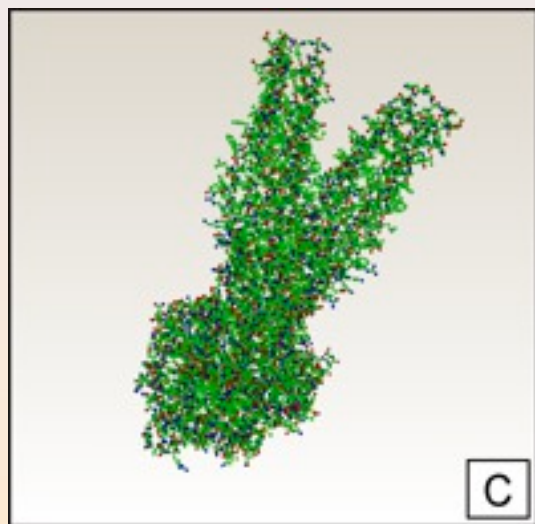
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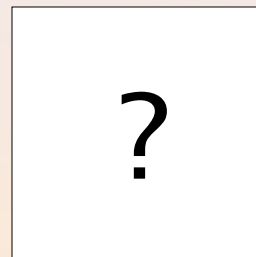
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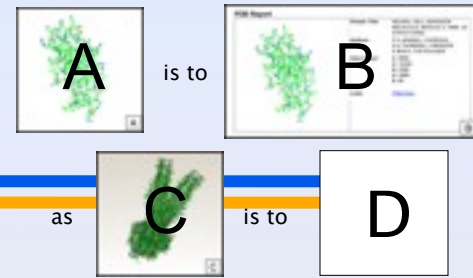
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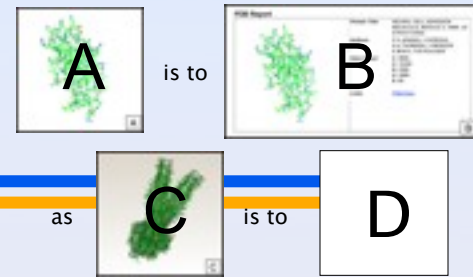
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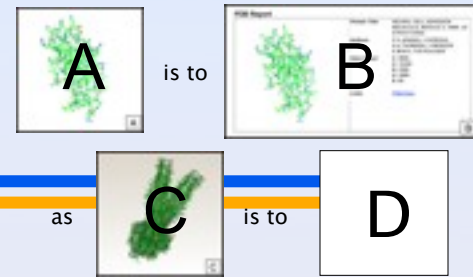
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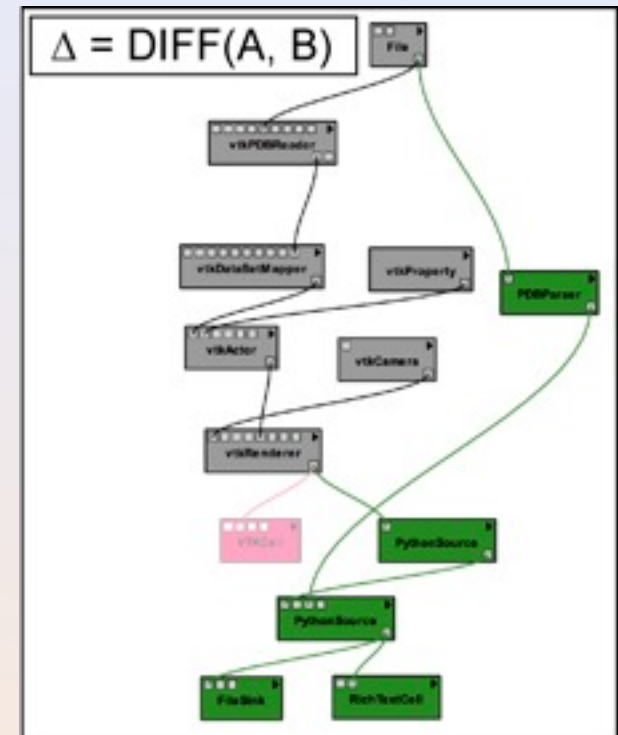
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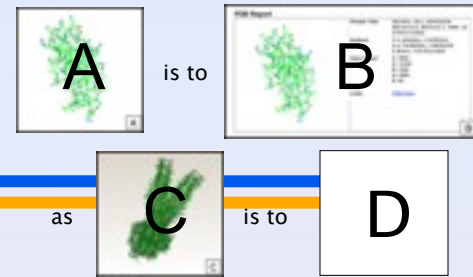


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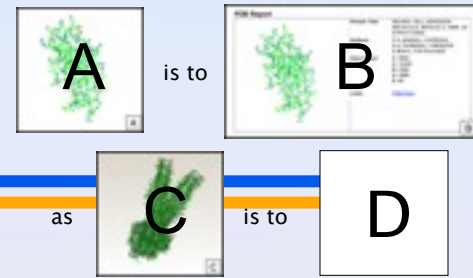


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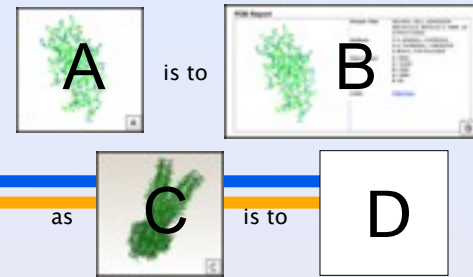
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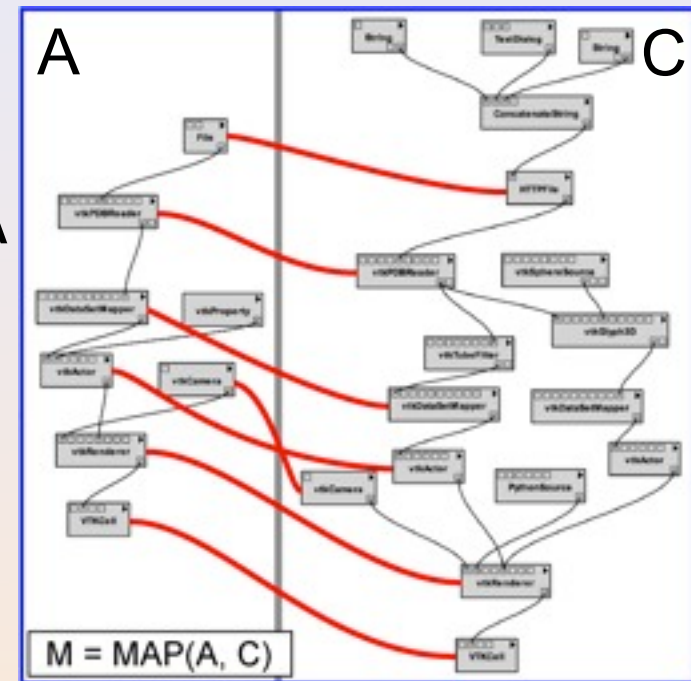
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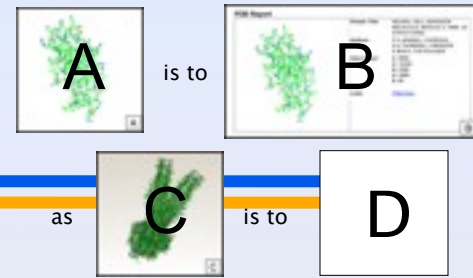
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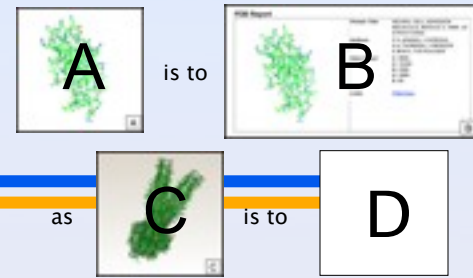
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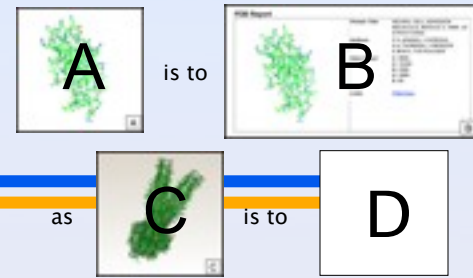
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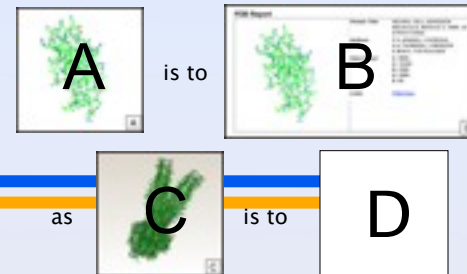
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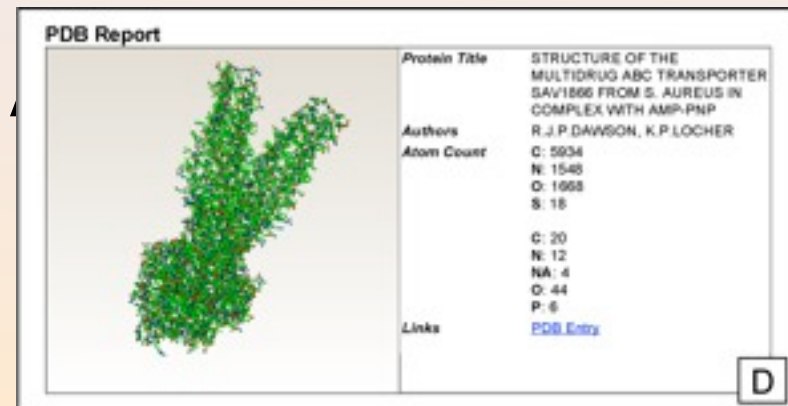
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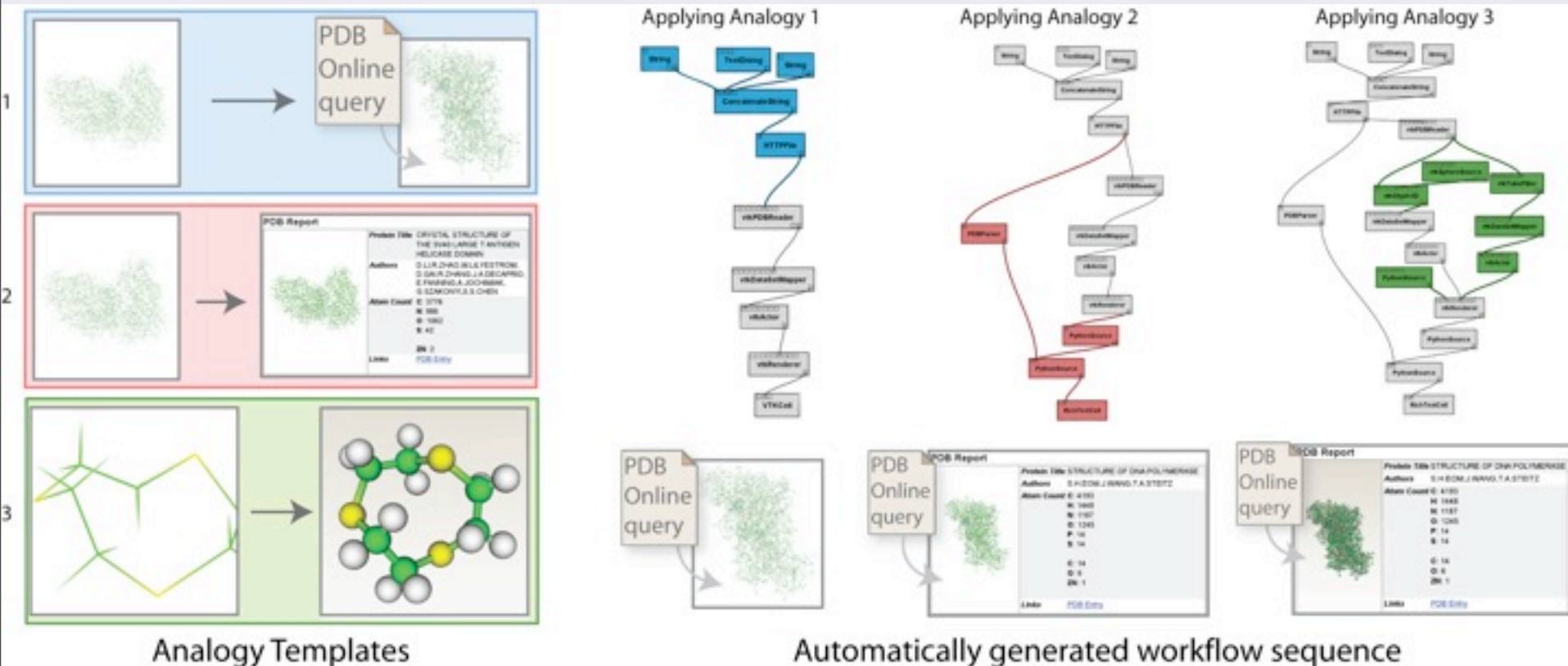




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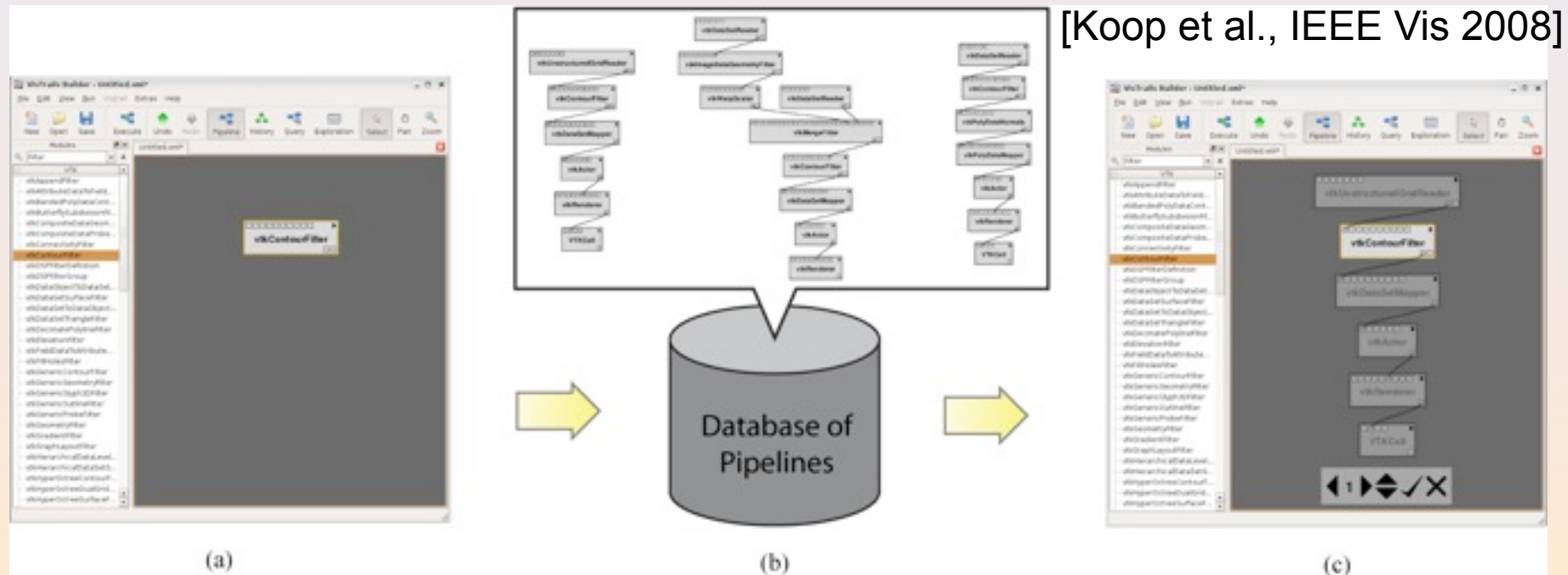


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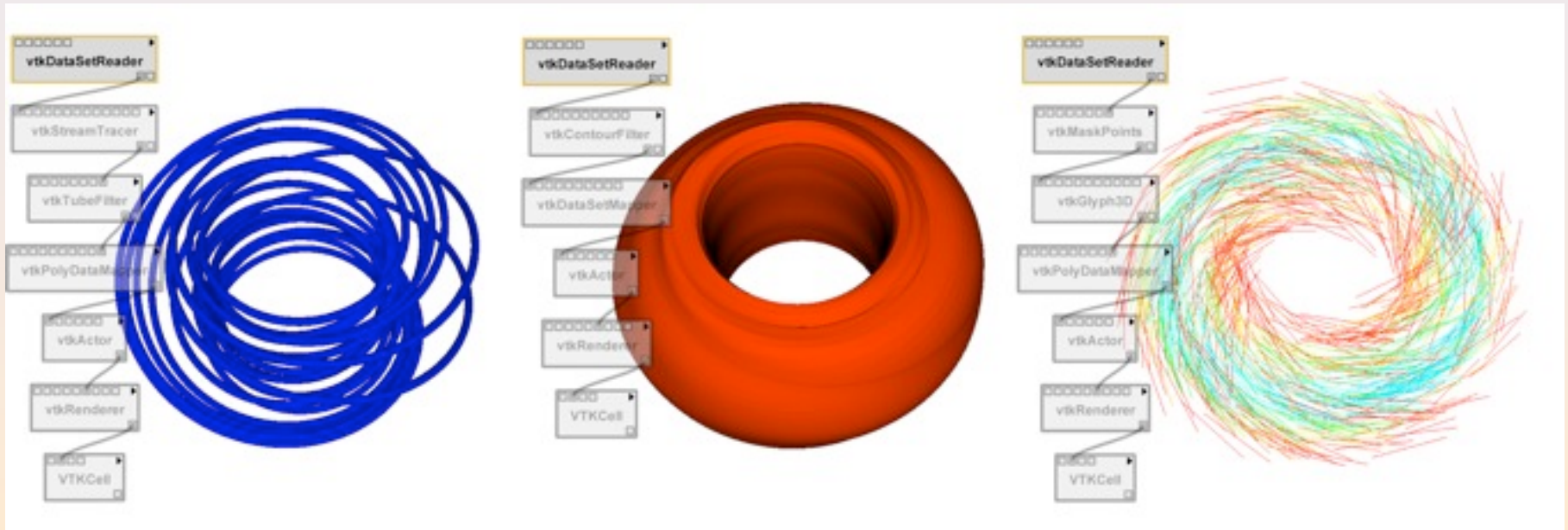
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- Similar to a Web browser suggesting URL completions
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# VisComplete (video)


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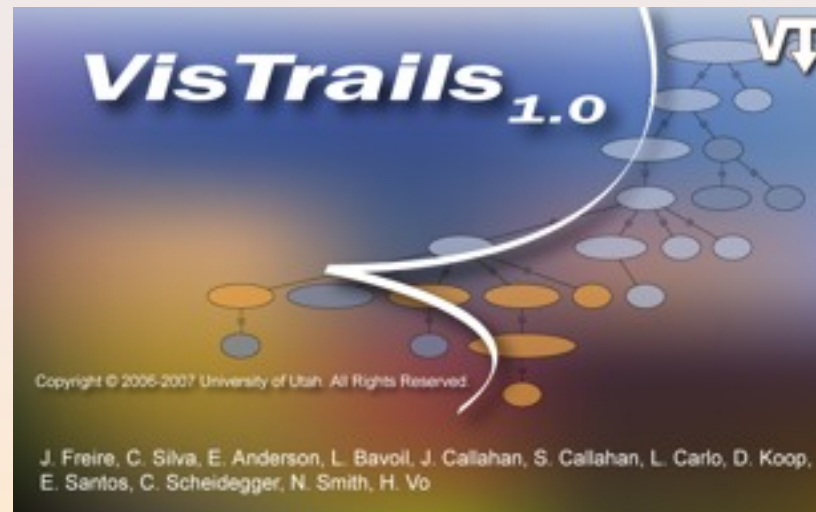
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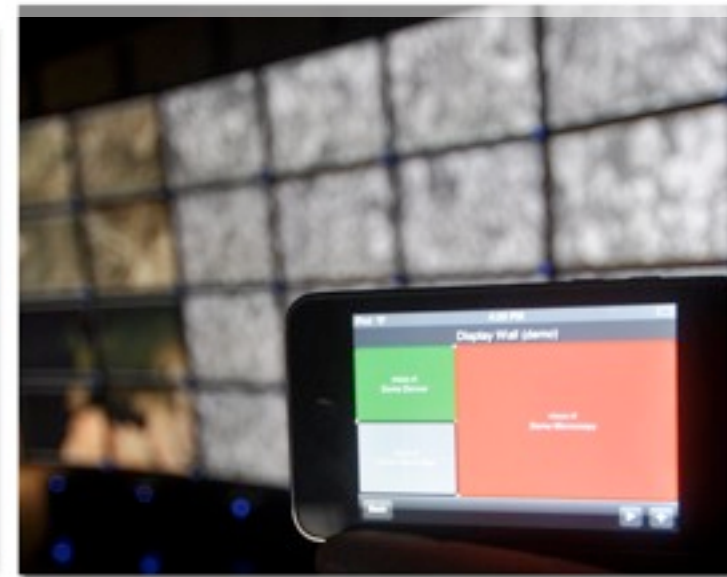
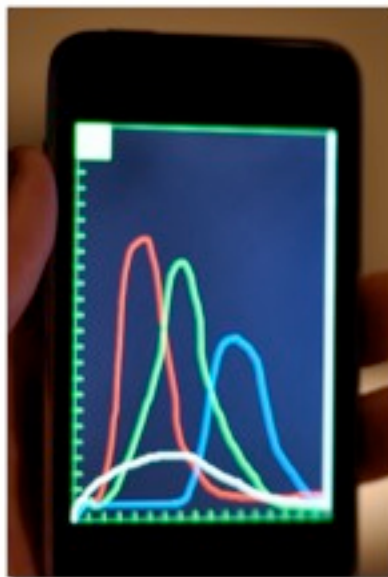
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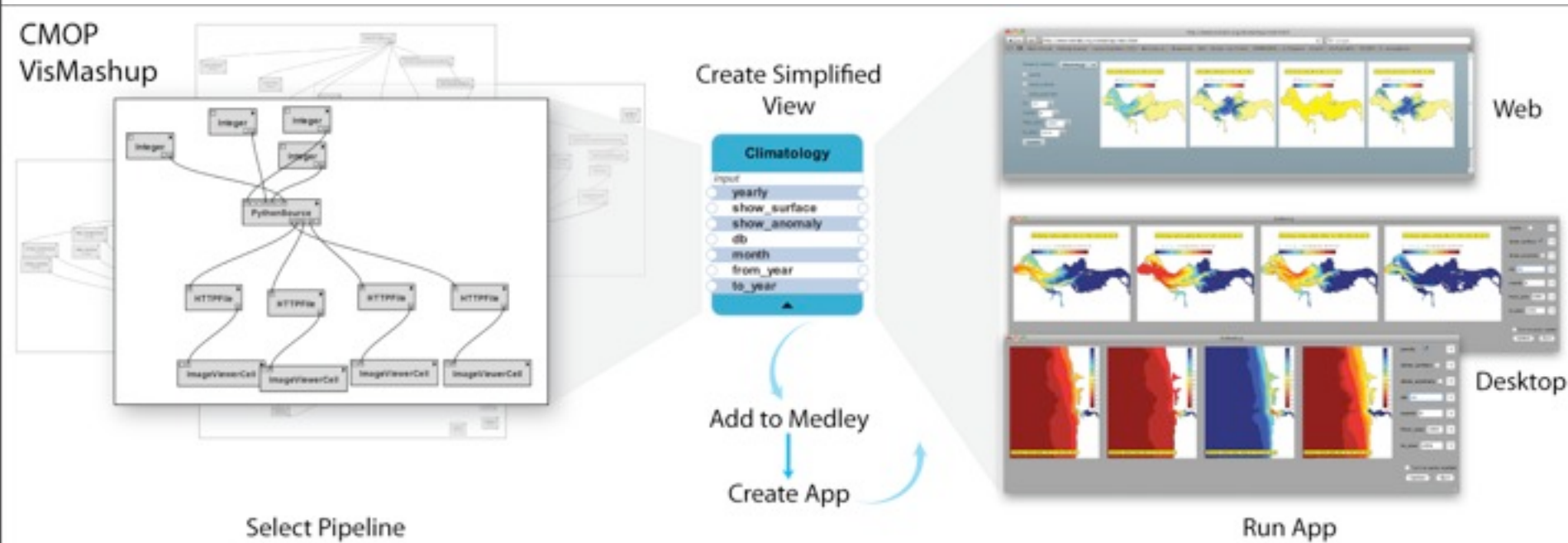
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MUCH HAS BEEN LEARNED about the physiological factors that contribute to endurance performance ability by simply describing the characteristics of elite endurance athletes in sports such as distance running, bicycle racing, and cross-country skiing. The numerous physiological determinants of endurance have been organized into a model that integrates such factors as maximal oxygen uptake ( $\dot{V}O_{2\max}$ ), the blood lactate threshold, and muscular efficiency, as these have been found to be the most important variables (7, 8, 15, 21). A common approach has been to measure these physiological factors in a given athlete at one point in time during their competitive career and to compare this individual's profile with that of a population of peers (4, 6, 15, 16, 21). Although this approach describes the variations that exist within a population, it does not provide information about the extent to which a given athlete can improve their specific physiological determinants of endurance with years of continued training as the athlete matures and reaches his/her physiological potential. There are remarkably few longitudinal reports documenting the changes in physiological factors that accompany years of continued endurance training at the level performed by elite endurance athletes.

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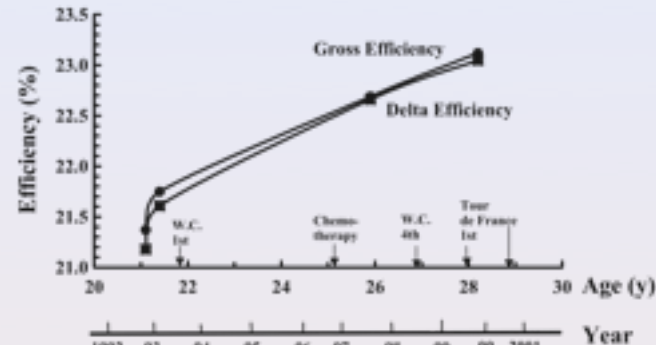


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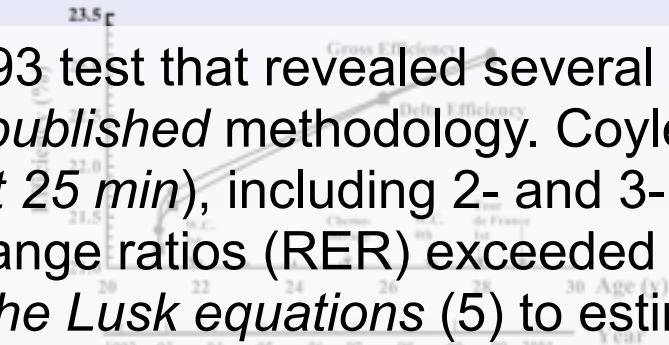


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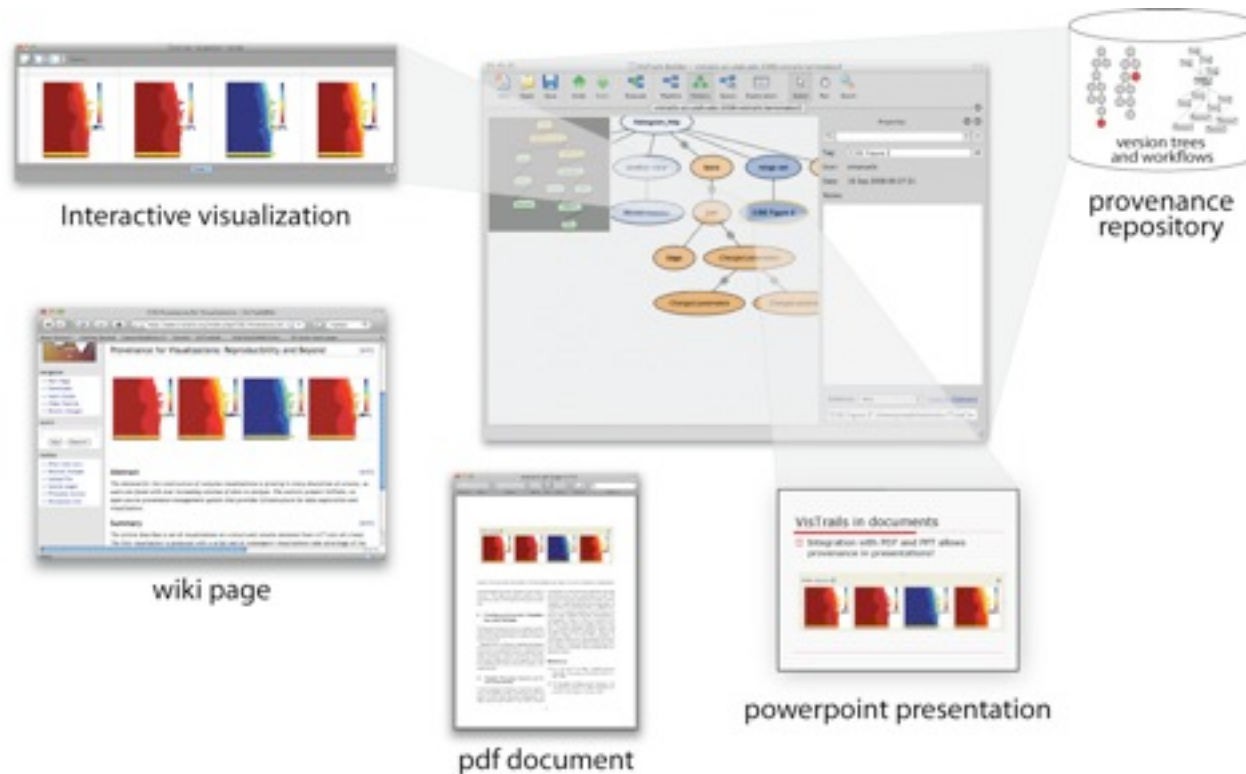
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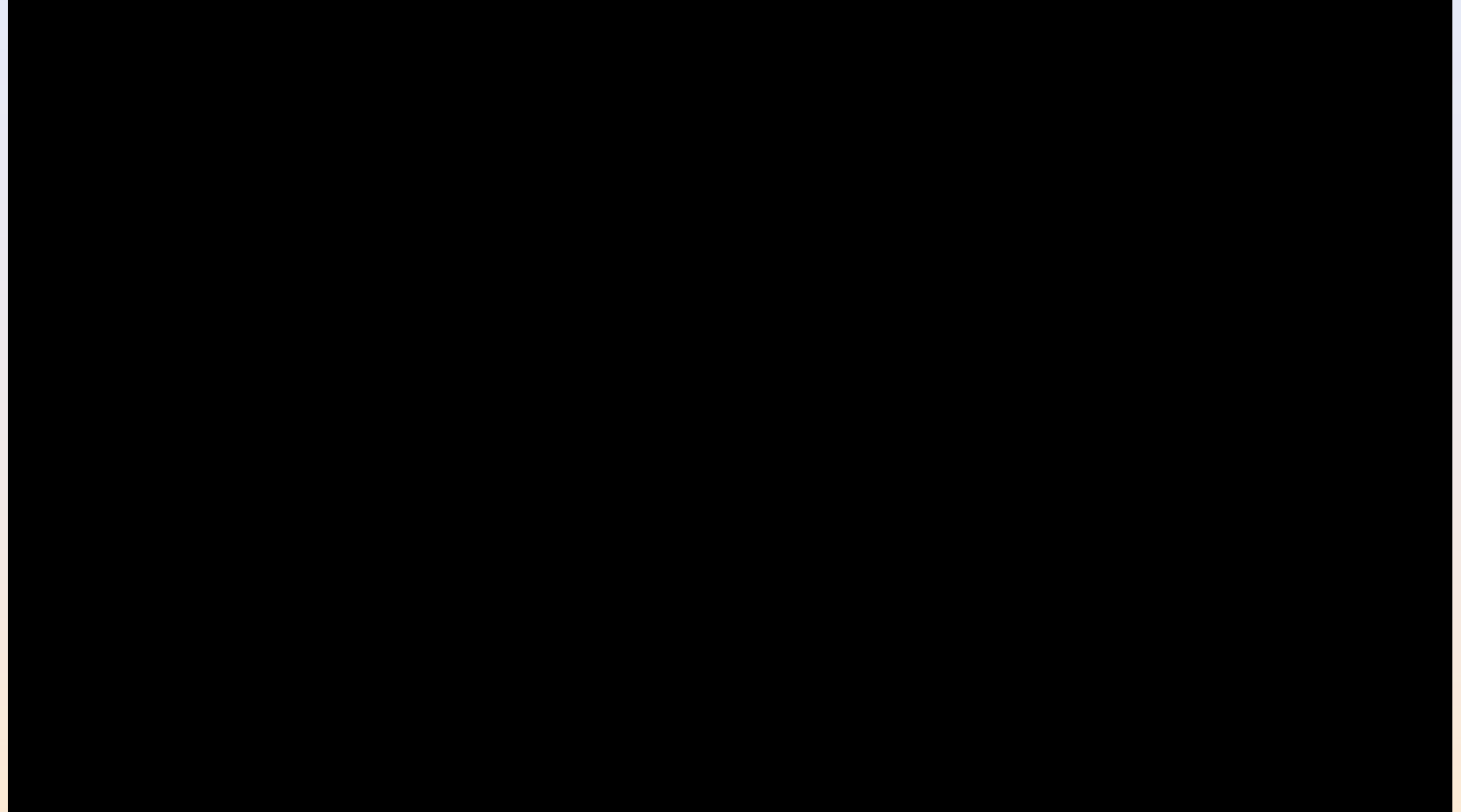
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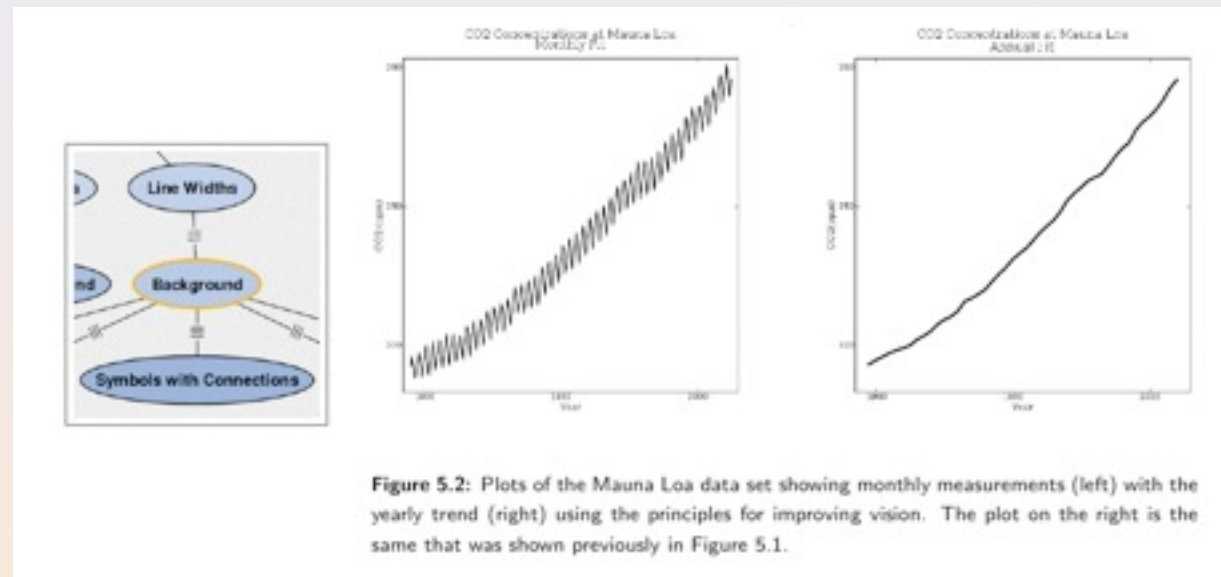
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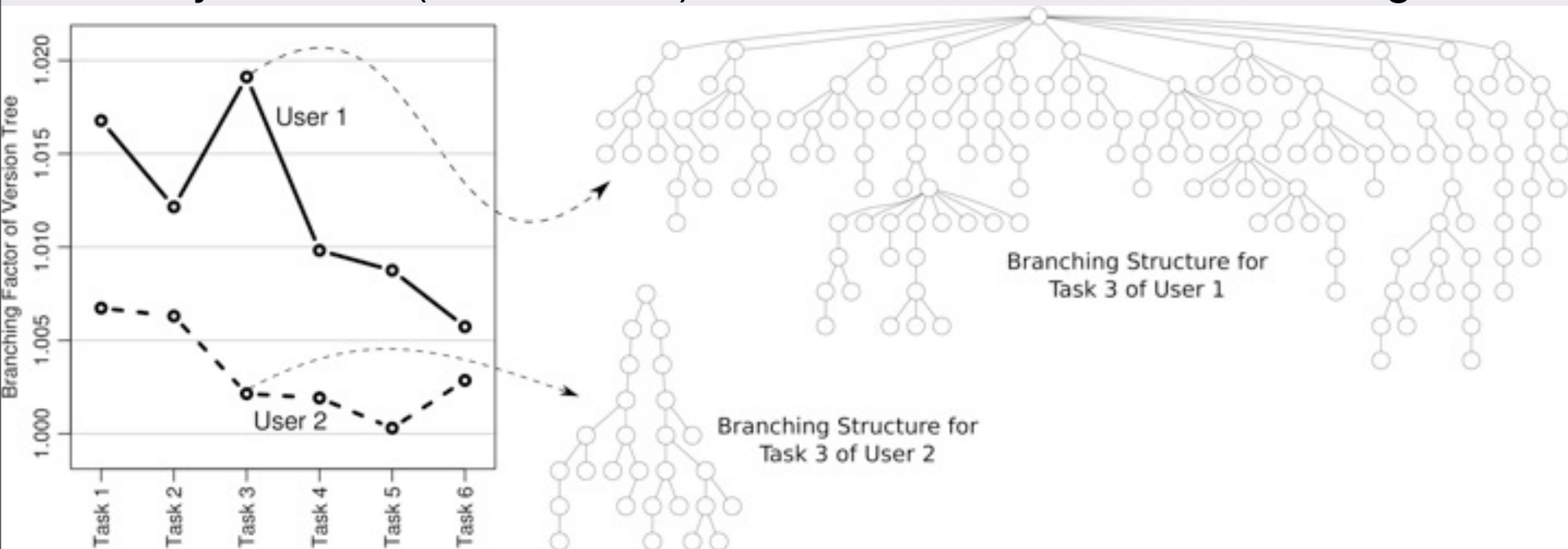
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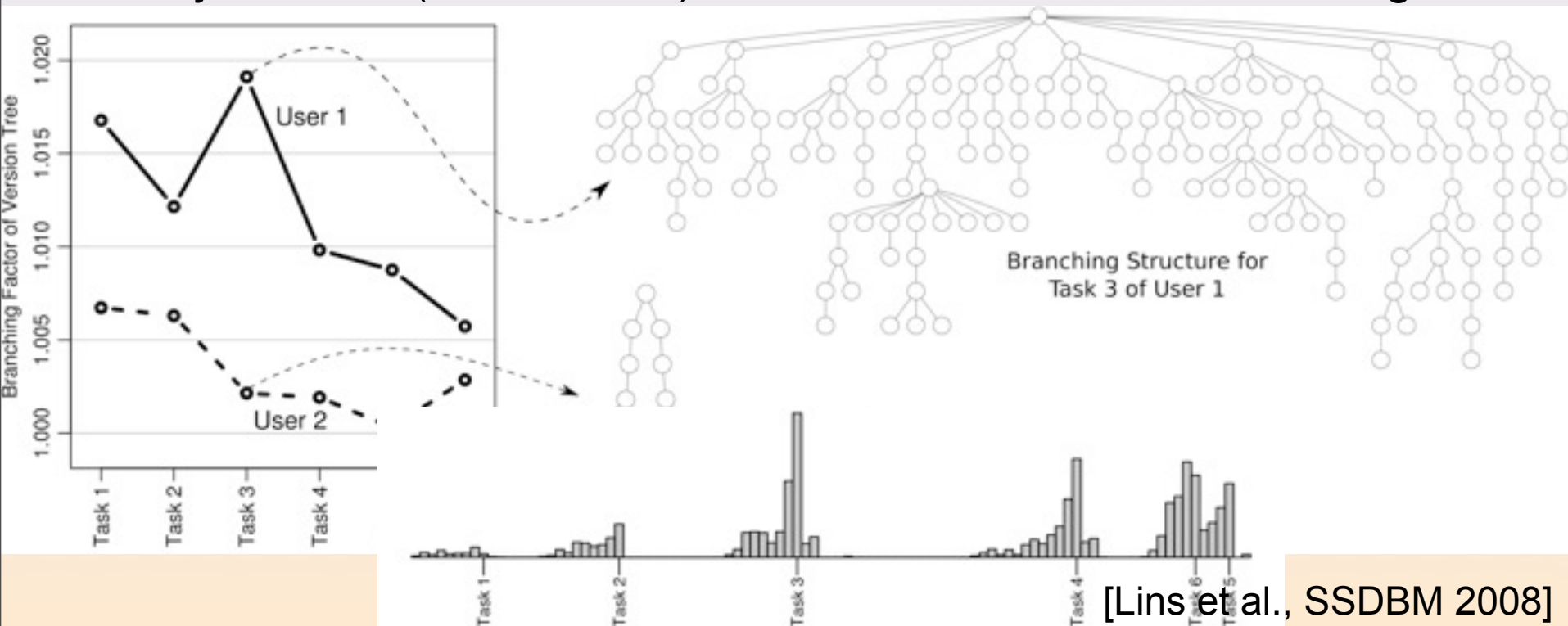
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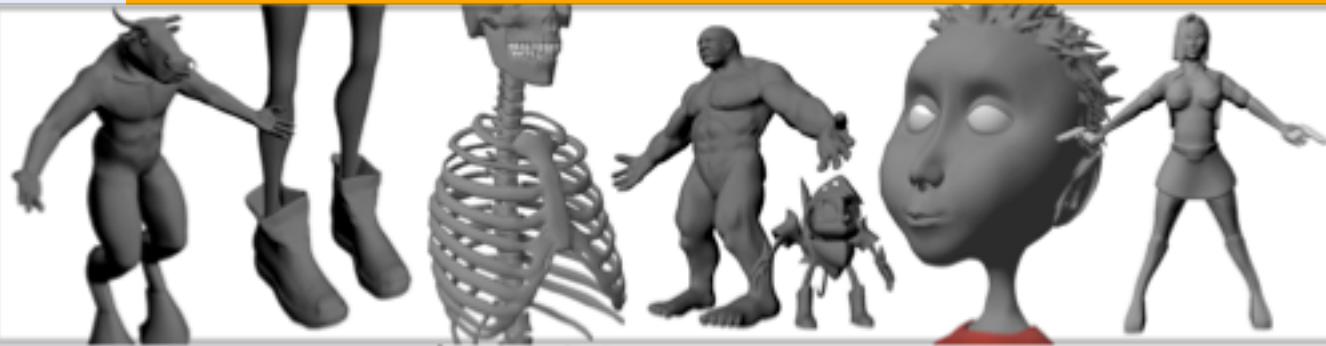
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Homework provenance helps students and instructors to *collaborate*

- Student is stuck, sends his provenance
- Instructor understands student's problem, provides hints---student can see what instructor did!
- They can also collaborate in real time [Ellkvist et al., IPAW 2008]

# Using Provenance to Teach Electronic Media



[Langefeld and Kessler, Submitted 2009]



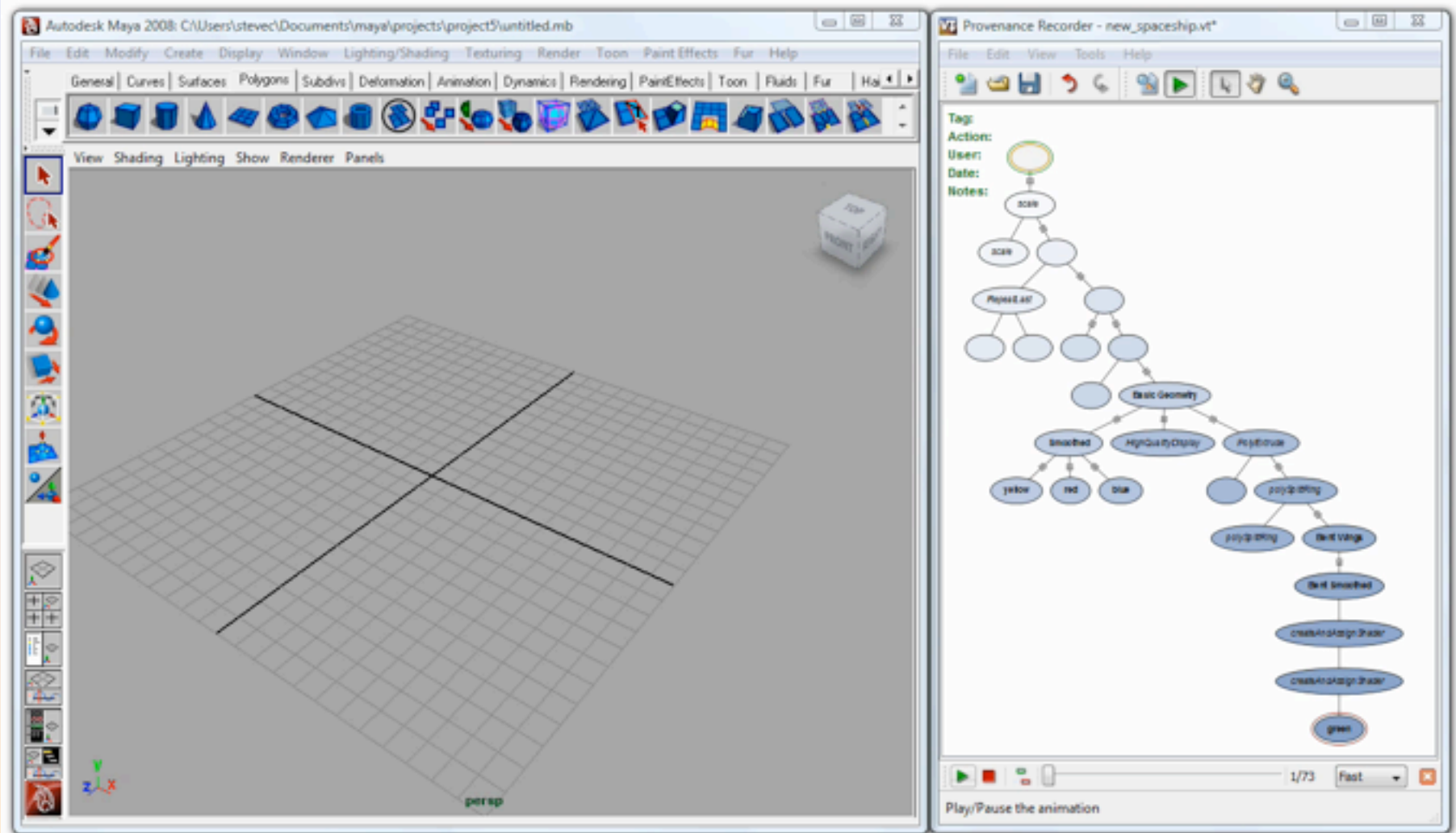
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"[...] students used [a vistrail instead of a reference model] 62% of the time"

Students who used provenance produced higher-quality models



# Provenance-Based Tutorial for Maya



# Provenance Analytics: Opportunities

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- ❏ Volume of collected provenance is growing
- ❏ Workflow and provenance repositories
  - myExperiments (EU), Provenance Repository (Indiana), ManyEyes (IBM), Yahoo! Pipes
- ❏ Opportunity for knowledge discovery, sharing and re-use
  - Discover *workflow patterns* → a recommendation system that suggests alternatives to users as they construct a workflow
  - Discover *workflow refinement patterns* → automatically extract analogies from shared repositories
  - *Cluster* (organize) workflow collections → simplify query and search over repositories
  - *Infer workflow specification* from execution log [Aalst et al., TKDE 2004]

# Provenance Analytics: Challenges

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- ❏ Lots of data, complex data: graphs + metadata
  - Modules, parameters, parameter values, data products
- ❏ Do existing approaches to graph mining scale?
- ❏ Case study in clustering: [Santos, IPAW 2008]
  - Explore different workflow representations: Graphs versus bag of words
  - Examine trade-off between efficiency and cluster quality
  - Bag of words surprisingly *effective*, and *much more efficient*

[NSF Medium IIS, recommended for funding, 2009]

# Conclusions and Future Work

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- ✧ Advanced visualization and data analysis techniques are key to the advancement of science
- ✧ Future work into scalable algorithms, verifiable visualization, information visualization.
- ✧ Provenance management is essential for exploratory computational tasks
  - Provenance can be used to support reflective reasoning
  - Intuitive interfaces for simplifying the construction and refinement of workflows
- ✧ Science 2.0: Sharing provenance at a large scale creates new opportunities [Freire and Silva, CHI SDA, 2008]
  - Workflow/provenance repositories; provenance-enabled publications
  - Expose scientists to different techniques and tools
  - Scientists can learn by example; expedite their scientific training; and potentially reduce their time to insight
- ✧ Provenance + Workflows + Sharing have the potential to revolutionize science!

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# Graduate Student, Postdoc, and Software Development Positions Open

